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Now, Sheriff Bob Dixon for Franco-American amusement;.....C O M M E R C I A L

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Now French Foreign Minister Schumann has broken with that French tradition. He faces his big test tomorrow, when he tries to persuade a secret session of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the French Parliament to support his new policy. He is willing to call a halt to the dismantling of German factories; to invite the West German Government into the European Council; and to try to tie the peaceful economy of Western Germany to that of Western Europe. Foreign Minister Schumann has undertaken not only to reverse the traditional foreign policy of his country, he has also set himself the monumental task of altering the dominant psychology of the French

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Prime Minister Nehru of India has left for home. In the course of the past month he has seen quite a bit of this country, made a lot of speeches and listened to a lot more. His general theme has been consistent, and cautious. He has advocated the preservation of world peace, and the enlargement of human freedom. He wants no part of any Big Power blocs.

He denies that his country is sitting on the fence; and adds that his country will not take sides in ideological struggles. His position in connection with aggression he defined in these words: "Where freedom is menaced or justice threatened, or where aggression takes place, we cannot and shall not be neutral."

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Prime Minister Nehru of India has left for home. In the course of the past month he has seen quite a bit of this country, made a lot of speeches, and listened to a lot more. His general theme has been consistent, and cautious. He has advocated the preservation of world peace, and the enlargement of human freedom. He wants no part of any Big Power blocs. He denies that his country is sitting on the fence; and adds that his country will not take sides in ideological struggles. His position in connection with agression he defined in these words: "Where freedom is menaced or justice threatened, or where agression takes place, we cannot and shall not be neutral."

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The Indian Government has made three trade agreements with the Soviet Union, but it is still largely dependent upon Great Britain, for British officers in its armed forces; Britain is India's best market; and British shipping, banking, marine insurance and investment are important factors in the economic life of the country. Britains' huge war debt to India ties the country to the sterling bloc. But as British weakness increases, India must look elsewhere for economic and insutrial assistance.

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Tuesday, November 2, 1948
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DEWEY: (RECORDING) We're going to have a great housecleaning in January. We're going to have the biggest untangling, unsnarling, weeding, and pruning operation in our history.

TRUMAN: He opened his mouth and he closed his eyes and he swallowed the terrible record of that good-for-nothing eightieth Congress.

DEWEY: Your next Administration is going to go forward to make more adequate provisions against the hazards of old age and unemployment.

TRUMAN: He said in this campaign that he's for a minimum wage and I think the smaller the minimum the better it suits him.

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DEWEY: As never before we need a rudder to our ship of state and we need a firm hand at the tiller.

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(Cannot be picked up)

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my observations to these varying views.

There's still no decision in the Philippine's election. President Quirino leads by 114-thousand votes with less than a third of all votes counted.

The Chinese Communists have now invaded the province in which Chungking is located.

The three foreign ministers in Paris SAY THEY [redacted] made progress TODAY on changes in their "joint policy on Germany."

The East German government has restored the civil and economic rights of former Nazis.

Britain's House of Lords was told today that Soviet submarines are now operating in the very center of the Mediterranean. Lord Templewood..former ambassador to Spain..says the Russian sub menace is "rapidly increasing."

The government says all British submarines are now equipped with schnorkel breathing devices... this allows them to stay under water for more than a month at a time.

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The American submarine, Tusk.. biggest and most modern in our fleet.. rammed a naval supply ship off the coast of Labrador today. She was submerged at the time, which probably saved her 88 mmm officers and crewmen. She's now heading back to shore.

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Edward R. Murrow: November 9, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

Now, this is one reporter's comment on yesterday's elections. In the first place, the volume of the vote ought to be encouraging to anyone interested in the preservation of democratic processes. We still turn out about twenty percent fewer eligible voters than they have in such places as Germany, Italy, and even Korea, since the end of the war; but yesterday's heavy poll is an indication of political interest and health.

Both the totals, and the statements of Republican leaders, indicate that that Party has not recovered from its defeat of a year ago. As a Party it is in need of that unity and sound financing advocated by Governor Dewey for the country as a whole. The reserve of the National Committee is down to ninety thousand dollars, and the Party has split on both domestic and foreign issues.

Yesterday's results were too fragmentary, the issues often of such local character, to warrant any valid conclusions about what is often called "the temper of the country". But there is no indication that the Democrats "Welfare State" has lost any of its appeal for the voters; and it is this philosophy of government which the Republicans will have to combat in next year's crucial Congressional Elections. This, I suggest, is the real nub

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The Democrats, being in power, have led this movement and taken credit for it.

In theory the Republicans would seem to have two alternatives. They can either outbid the Democrats, and offer the voters what Harold Stassen called today a bigger and better "gravy train"; or they can attempt to convince the voter that the search and legislation for personal security is not in the national interest, and that when it comes time to collect that security it will not in fact be there in terms of what the dollars will buy in food,

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Arguments about stifling or strangling individual initiative, about the increase in government bureaucracy, loss of the individual's freedom of maneuver may help. But it would seem that the most effective argument the Republicans could present - if they can sell it - is that this security is largely illusory, and will not in fact be forthcoming on the due date. In the light of American tradition this will not be an easy thesis to sell to the American voter. He is not accustomed to thinking of the remote future; more inclined to believe that legislation which provides, or promises security now will, in fact, be able to deliver that security under acceptable conditions at some later date.

It seems to me that we, more than most people, because of our history and tradition, are inclined to believe that only the immediate is real. For example, at the beginning of the steel strike we made a few wholly unscientific surveys in three steel centers, asking the strikers whether they would prefer a ten-cent-an-hour wage increase or the equivalent in pensions and social insurance. An overwhelming majority of the younger ones wanted the wage increase, while the older men were content with the

pension and security provisions.

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Meanwhile, there is still room for private giving and generosity. The producers of "South Pacific" have turned over their house seats - a full row down front - to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and that gesture ought to net the fund about a hundred and fifty thousand a year.

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Now, this is one reporter's comment on yesterday's elections. In the first place, the volume of the vote ought to be encouraging to anyone interested in the preservation of democratic processes. We still turn out about twenty percent fewer elegible voters than they have in such places as Germany, Italy, and even Korea, sincethe end of the war; but yesterday's heavy poll is an indication of political interest and health.

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Yesterday's results were too fragmentary, the issues often of such local character, to warrant any valid conclusions about what is often called "the temper of the country". But there is no indication that the Democrats "welfare State" has lost any of its appeal for the voters; and it is this philosophy of government which the Republicans will have to combat in next year's crucial Congressional Elections. This, I suggest, is the real nub of the Republican dilemma. This mass search for security is relatively new for us. During most of our youth as a nation, we didn't know where we were going, and didn't very much care. We were too busy crowding out to our frontiers, and wasting many of the resources of a bountiful continent, to bother too much about our security--either as a nation or as individuals. Now that we have come into our full inheritance as a world power and we're spending two-thirds of our annual budget on national security--this search for security by the individual has intensified. It has been provided in fullestmeasure by the government to labor and to the farmers, for the very sound political reason that they have the most votes.

The Democrats, being in power, have led this movement and taken credit for it.

In theory, the Republicans would seem to have two alternatives. They can either outbid the Democrats, and offer the voters what Harold Stassen called today a bigger and better "gravy train"; or they can attempt to convince the voter that the search and legislation for personal security is not in the national interest, and that when it comes time to collect that security it will not in fact be there in terms of what the dollars will buy in food, clothing and shelter.

Arguments about stifling or strangling individual initiative, about the increase in government bureaucracy, loss of the individual's freedom of maneuver may help. But it would seem that the most effective argument the Republicans could present--if they can sell it--is that this security is largely illusory, and will not in fact be forthcoming on the due date. In light of American tradition this will not be an easy thesis to sell to the American voter. He is not accustomed to thinkingof the remote future; more inclined to believe that legislation which provides, or promises security now will, in fact, be able to deliver that security under acceptable conditions at some later date.

It seems to me that we, more than most people, because of our history and tradition, are inclined to believe that only the immediate is real. For example, at the beginning of the steel strike we made a few wholly unscientific surveys in three steel centers, asking the strikers whether they would prefer a ten-cent-an-hour wage increase or the equivalent in pensions and social insurance. An overwhelming majority of the younger ones wanted the wage increase, while the older men were content with the pensions and security provisions.

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Meanwhile, there is still room for private giving and generosity. The producers of "South Pacific" have turned over their house seats--a full row down front--th the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and that gesture ought to net the fund about a hundred and fifty thousand a year.

Now Bob Dixon with an "assist" for the housewife.

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Well, Bob, the political experts have been struggling with statistics for the past few weeks, and before long they'll start marshalling their figures for next year's election. But as William Allen White once said: "Statistics prove nothing; they are only rocks which ill-natured people throw at one another, when they should be doing something better".

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In Belgrade today, Marshal Tito said Russia has no chance of breaking his country's unity. He feels that "the progressive forces" of the world are becoming convinced his position against Russia is correct. The battle against Tito has now gone into the field of sports.. I'd like to relay the latest football furor in a moment.

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TAPE: End Cue: "The eternal standard of God by which we shall all be judged."

Every big company or government department has a table or a chart of organization, all carefully blocked off with little lines running here and there indicating areas of responsibility -(a sort of chain of command.) The North Atlantic Treaty has one, too; but until recently there's been something missing. Just below the Council of Ministers, which is in the top position, there was no Board or Committee authorized to pull strategy "down to earth," to fit the plans made by Generals and Admirals into the practical question of tanks, rifles and planes. There was no one with authority to tell the military: "You can't have a half-million Garrand rifles by next January, and a thousand heavy tanks, and five hundred medium bombers. We can't produce that many." That blank space has now been filled by what's called the Defence, Finance and Armament Committee. This Committee will be headed by Averell Harriman, and it will have tremendous power. It will find out what is being produced now, how much and how good it is. It will be responsible for selecting the best available of everything, from fighter planes to lubricating oil. This Committee will have the job of standardizing, so far as it can, weapons and munitions. This will be a slow job, but some progress has already been made. The British

Jet fighter will be the standard fighter for the defence of Western Europe. Our thirty-calibre Garrand rifle will probably be the basic infantry weapon, although this hasn't finally been decided. So far, no one has come up with a better mechanical mule than the Jeep.

We are pledged not to let military re-armament interfere with European recovery. So the Committee's problem from a production standpoint is to get a whale of a lot more production for just a few more dollars. It must also sort out and reconcile the competing claims and vanities of the various Atlantic Pact nations, (none of whom are going to get all they want.)

Not pleasant reporting on Armistice Day, but it's happening, and military planners never look at old calendars.

Moscow's cold war against Tito reached a new and ridiculous low today. What happened was this: an Austrian football team [redacted] is going to Belgrade to play a big international game against the Yugoslavs on Sunday. Both the Austrians and the Yugoslavs are quite mad about football. This game will be a sort of international World Series. The Austrians naturally wanted to broadcast it, but the Russian representative on the Four Power Communications Commission in Vienna refused to permit the use of telephone lines between Belgrade and Vienna; his refusal has the force of a veto; and therefore the Austrians won't be able to hear a broadcast of the game. Alex Kendrick cables me from Vienna that this is "just about" the most unpopular thing the Russians have done during their four years of occupation. It's aimed against the Yugoslavs, of course, but it means that the Austrians can't hear the broadcast of the game - and they're more interested in football than in politics.

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The negotiating committee of the C.I.O. steelworkers is now considering a contract with U.S. Steel. A few minutes ago Phil Murray, the union president, met with the committee in Pittsburgh, presumably to discuss a contract settlement. U.S. Steel, largest in the industry employes 150 thousand strikers. Today the union signed up four smaller companies with 21 thousand workers.

John L. Lewis was here in New York today ... told reporters he's ready to meet next week with Federal Mediator Ching "or anybody else" to try to sign a coal contract Mr. Lewis also made it clear that he doesn't like the idea of a fact-finding board looking into his dispute with the operators. And an operator spokesman said; "Unless Lewis shows some signs of modifying his previous position, there is no use in resuming negotiations."

The President today named Oscar L. Chapman to be secretary of the interior succeeding Julius Krug, who leaves the first of December. The White House released an exchange of letters between Mr. Krug and the President. They seemed friendly enough. But the new boss of Interior, Mr. Chapman, says he doesn't know why Krug resigned. Mr. Chapman will be the second resident of Denver in the Truman cabinet. Agriculture Secretary Brannon is also from Denver.

At the United Nations today Assistant Secretary of State John D. Hickerson commented on Mr. Vishinsky's atomic energy speech of last night. Mr. Hickerson said, if... as the Russians claims ... atomic energy is being used to level mountains in the Soviet Union. Then Russia also has devices that can level cities. Atomic energy can be easily diverted fr om peaceful to military uses. Then Mr. Hickerson pointed out that more than 30 countries have received isotopes from us for medical research purposes. He asked what the Russians are doing to share thier knowledge of the peaceful uses they have developed for atomic energy. There was no reply.

In Belgrade today, Marshal Tito said Russia has no chance of breaking his country's unity. He feels that "the progressive forces" of the world are becoming convinced his position against Russia is correct. The battle against Tito has now gone into the field of sports... I'd like to relay the latest football furor in a moment.

Secretary of State Acheson arrived in Germany today.. said the world will have to wait weeks, possibly months, to discover the details of the Paris agreement on Germany. And the Russians countered the Secretary's arrival in Germany by announcing that they are dissolving their military in eastern Germany.. giving the East German government more power.. as we've done in the west.

Last night we told you that 45 Americans, formerly employed by two Chinese nationalist airlines, had decided to work for the Communits, because the airlines had gone over to the reds. Today, in Hong Kong, the Americans said this announcement by company officials is not true. Most of the American pilots and ground crews will not work for the Communists.

Today, the State Department received its first word on the five members of our consular staff arrested by the Communists in Mukden three weeks ago. They have received two food packages sent to them by our consul in Peiping.

In many parts of this nation today, high government officials marked the World War One armistice of 31 years ago. Defense Secretary Johnson said the armed services "team" is rounding into shape, despite honest differences of opinion. Secteatry of the Army Gray said the ultimate cost to this country of World War Two will be one trillion dollars. Navy Captain Crommelin, recently restored to duty, told an Alabama audience; "There is no place in our democracy for a yes-man"

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The President laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unkown Soldier And this afternoon in Washington he made a speech to the National Conference of Christian and Jews. He said that we had achieved unity in this country, not by eliminating our differences in religion andtradition, not by hiding or suppressing our political and economic conflicts, but by holding to a concept which rises above them all... the concept of the brotherhood of man. He said others may be moved to brotherhood only by sentiment. We acknowledge it as a religious duty. But, the President said, we must also acknowledge, that in the United States there are instances of discrimination and injustice, because of difference in color, religion or national origin. He found it encouraging that Americans all over the country are growing more and more aware of the importance of this problem. "In various parts of the world" said Mr. Truman, "human rights and freedom are being deliberately

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Every big company, or government department, has a table or a chart or organization, all carefully blocked off with little lines running here and there indicating areas of responsibility — a sort of chain of command. The North Atlantic Treaty has one, too; but until recently there's been something missing. Just below the Council of Ministers, which is in the top position, there was no Board or Committee authorized to pull strategy "down to earth", to fit the plans made by Generals and Admirals into the practical question of tanks rifles and planes. There was no one with authority to tell the military: "You can't have a half-million Garrand rifles by next January, and a thousand heavy tanks, and five hundred medium bombers. We can't produce that many." That blank space has now been filled by what's called the Defence, Finance and Armament Committee. This Committee will be headed by Averell Harriman, and it will have tremendous power. It will find out what is being produced now, how much and how good it is. It will be responsible for selecting the best available of everythin, from fighter planes to lubricating oil. This Committee will have the job of standardizing, so far as it can, weapons and munitions. This will be a slow job, but some progress has already been made. The British Jet fighter will be the standard fighter for the defence of Western Europe. Our thirty-calibre Carrand rifle will probably be the basic infantry weapon, although this hasn't finally been decided. So far no one has come up with a better mechanical mule than the Jeep.

We are pledged not to let military re-armament interfere with European recovery. So the Committee's problem from a production standpoint is to get a whale of a lot more production for just a few more dollars. It must also sort out and reconcile the competing claims and vanities of the various Atlantic Pact nations, none of whom are going to get all they want.

Not pleasant reporting on Armistice Day, but it's happening, and military planners never look at old calendars.

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Moscow's cold war against Tito reached a new and ridiculous low today. What happened was this: an Austrian football team is going to Belgrade to play a big international game against the Yugoslavs on Sunday. Both the Austrians and the

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Anybody ever carry you off on their shoulders, Bob?

Well bob, we're probably the reseachingest nation in the world... always studying how to find peace, or better weapons, more appetizing food or more durable clothes. Tonight alot of people are probably studying the records of football teams before deciding which one to pick tomorrow. An appropriate line once appeared in the Wall Street Journal; it was: "Research is an organized method for keeping you reasonably dissatisfied with what you have."

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Some Washington officials are thinking of a fact-finding board in the coal dispute. But John L. Lewis has said he's against that. Today, Mr. Lewis and the miners paid their one million 420-thousand dollar fine to a Washington court.. for contempt of court during last year's strike. And tonight, the union issued a statement charging that two big soft coal companies--Pocahantas and Eastern Gas and Fuel--have raised their prices to retailers from 25 to 75 cents a ton. The union says this will be passed on the consumers.. calls it "an attempt to "rook" the American consumer, put the blame on the union."

The new right-wing C.I.O. electrical workers union has asked the National Labor Board for collective bargaining elections in all plants where the left-wing electrical workers are represented. And Westinghouse has asked the board to help it decide which union to BARGAIN WITH.

Seventeen thousand more striking C.I.O. (STEELWORKERS) went back to work today.. as the union signed up five more companies.

Earl Bunting of the National Association of manufacturers told a House committee today that the steel and coal unions are monopolies..should come under anti-trust laws just as businesses do. And Crawford H. Greenewalt, president of Du Pont, said big business gives little businesses a lot of help by developing things which the little businesses can sell with profit.

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And the President told Congress the Marshal plan so far has put Communism on the defensive in Western Europe. But the Europeans will have to cut prices on their exports to this country.. and we'll have to accept greater competition from Europe.. if the Europeans are to pay their own way.

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American radio monitors tonight picked up [redacted] long expected Chinese Communist broadcast: demanding that the Nationalist delegates to the U.N. be kicked out and replaced by Communists.

This broadcast came after the Nationlist delegate told the U.N. that Russia has broken one Chinese-Soviet friendship pact, and now wants to sign another. The Canadian delegate said the world doesn't need any more signatures to pacts.. it needs settlements. And the Yugoslavs accused Russia of "monstrous hypocrisy" for clamoring for peace and using "aggressive pressure" against Tito at the same time.

Polish President Beirut says all Communist states are facing more and more opposition at home from Titoists.. says agents are slipped into workers organizations by capitalist countries (presumably Tito's capitalist country.)

The Czechs are worried, too. They've started to expel all anti-Communist foreigners except diplomats, journalists and students. Government sources say even some "real Communist" visitors may be expelled by error.

In India today, two men were hanged for the murder of Mohandas Gandhi in January of last year.

In Washington, a jury has found Herbert J. Burgman guilty of treason. He broadcast German propaganda during the war under the name of Joe Scanlon. He faces penalties of from five years to death.

In California, James Roosevelt says he's going to run for Governor.

Edward R. Murrow: November 15, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

Senator Robert A. Taft describes himself as a "moderate liberal". He is Chairman of the powerful Senate Republican Policy Committee, and he is available for the Republican nomination for President in 1952. But first he must get re-elected to the Senate by his own State of Ohio next year. For the past several months the Senator has been waging a crossroads campaign out there. Today he permitted himself some comment on last week's elections, and a few predictions. He said the Republicans would win a presidential election if one should be held now. The Party might have won last year had it not been for the failure of Thomas E. Dewey to make a national issue. Senator Taft thinks the Republican Party stands a good chance of winning control of Congress next year. He thinks the Democrats have less support from labor now, than when Mr. Truman was elected. He anticipates that one of the main campaign issues next year may be foreign spending. The Republicans will probably go along with the Marshall Plan until 1952, but any new proposals for spending will be opposed by the Republicans.

In a statement issued from his Washington office Senator Taft said the adoption of President Truman's program next year would add more than sixteen billion to the federal deficit, and lead this country to "stagnation and

austerity." According to Senator Taft, the President wants price-fixing and other controls, which he himself referred to in 1947 as "police state methods." The President wants, says Senator Taft, to put the government into business; to tell the farmers how many acres of wheat, ~~grain~~ corn and soy bean they can raise, how many chickens they can keep. According to Senator Taft, the government wants to guarantee every man a job, but that can be done only if it is given the power to tell every man what job he shall take, and at what wages.

The Ohio Senator believes that we are heading straight for a Socialist regime, as in England, unless we throw the Democrats out. It is his view that the greatest threat to our liberty is the growth of government spending, and the widespread belief that only the government is qualified to direct all of the activities of all of the people.

Whether you agree with Senator Taft's estimate of himself as a "moderate liberal," he can point to the fact that he supported the Housing Bill, Rent Control, Federal Aid to Education, the Minimum Wage law, and similar measures. And if he is re-elected in Ohio next year he can point to the fact that he fought his campaign on specific issues, rather than on generalities. And if that happens, the senior Senator in Ohio will be more than ever available in 1952.

I don't suppose any politician, or anyone else in this country, ever openly opposed "progress." It's wonderful - happening all the time, so we are told. Take the matter of nylon. The President of Dupont said in Washington today that his company spent twenty-seven million dollars and ten years developing it. So far as ladies' hose are concerned, we would appear to have just about reached the ultimate in progress: the seam has been eliminated. "These new stockings" say TODAY'S advertisements, "literally sheath your legs in skin-smooth, dangerous color." It is, I read here, "The most fashionable and flattering leg art seen in many a moon. There is a new "Breath of Brown" shade called "Dynamite". That is progress, I imagine.

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Senator Robert A. Taft describes himself as a "moderate Liberal". He is Chairman of the powerful Senate Republican Policy Committee, and he is "available" for the Republican nomination for President in 1952. But first he must get re-elected to the Senate by his own State of Ohio next year. For the past several months the Senator has been waging a crossroads campaign out there. Today he permitted himself some comment on last week's elections, and a few predictions. He said the Republicans would win a presidential election if one should be held now. The Party might have won last year had it not been for the failure of Thomas E. Dewey to mae a national issue. Senator Taft thinks the Republican Party stands a good chance of winning control of Congress next year, He thinks the Democrats have less support from labor now than when Mr. Truman was elected. He anticipates that one of the main campaign issues next year may be foreing spending. The Republicans will probably go along with the Marshall Plan until 1952, but nay new proposals for spending will be opposed by the Republicans.

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generalities. And if that happens the senior Senator in Ohio will be more than ever available in 1952.

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The Air Force says 18 men are reported killed or missing as the result of the crash of two other B-29's in the area of Stockton, California, last night. THREE men parachuted to safety.

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THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1949
7:45-8:00 PM

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There are many who believe that Russia could, if she would, get the release of Mr. Ward. In Austria, the wife of an American businessman reported her husband.. Robert A Vogeler.. has been arrested by Hungarian border police. The Hungarian foreign ministry says it knows nothing about the case.

In Poland, the government says the arrest of a French consular official on Friday, resulted in the breaking up of an espionage ring of more than a hundred persons.

The French in turn are holding the crew of a polish plane in Paris.

The Czechoslovakian government came up with a new cold war twist today. The Czechs confiscated the American embassy's information bulletin. They didn't like an item that reported a resolution adopted by the United Nations. The resolution called for "freedom for peaceful expression of political opposition." The Czechs say that this news item" endangers the safety of their states"

But in Belgrade, the Czech embassy is distributing an information bulletin charging that Tito is diving into the arms of capitalism.

Two more items from Europe: A group of American congressmen in Berlin says the end of our occupation "is still beyond calculation." In Paris, seven senators, just back from Madrid, are calling for an American loan to Spain.

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In Romania, four high army officers are said to have been sentenced to death for spying. Reliable sources say 22 others were given prison terms.

~~The Czech government has released another 160 Catholic priests and laymen who were arrested for opposing state control of the church. The government says they've promised to be opente.~~

~~In Berlin, the British commander has protested against Russian violations of the agreement to lift the blockade of the city.. he charges the Russians have been interfering with mail TRAINS~~

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The State Department has picked up a Chinese Communist broadcast that says the fate of Angus Ward and four other consular employes may be learned in a few days. The Communists say their court in Mukden has heard evidence on the charge that Mr. Ward beat a Chinese employe. The State Department CALLS that a trumped up charge.

In Norway today, rescuers found the Dutch plane missing for two days. There was one survivor among the 34 passengers & CREW. a 12-year-old boy, one of the 25 Jewish children being flown to Norway for rest and rehabilitation. The boy's CRIES attracted rescuers after he'd been in the plane for 42 hours without food, with dead companions scattered around him. He said in an Oslo hospital tonight: "Its a miracle.. now I want to go to the rehabilitation school."

Here in New York today, a few thousand school children had opportunity to witness the United Nations in action.. by means of television. In a moment we'll hear SOME OF their reports.

In San Fransisco, Federal Judge Harris today sentenced Harry Bridges' chief counsel to six months in jail. STARTING WHEN the TRIAL ENDS.

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HE WAS SENTENCED [redacted] for criminal contempt of court.. "a studied, persistent and inflammatory course of conduct." [redacted]

The trial of Judith Coplon and Valentin Gubitchev has been postponed for more than a month.. [redacted] at the request of Gubitchev's new attorney.

And former army sergeant James Provoo, has pleaded innocent to charges of treason..(helping the Japanese on Corregidor during the war.)

The President today told the Food and Agricultural Organization that (WE ARE READY TO USE) all of our agricultural experience AND knowledge [redacted] to help the hungry nations of the world raise more food.

A House committee heard Orville Morrison of the Sunroc Refrigerator Company, charge that the army awarded a 100-thousand-dollar contract to Westinghouse Electric Company, although his company was the low bidder. Mr. Morrison said the army specifications were drawn to fit only Westinghouse products. The Army says that's not true..will explain in public, possibly tomorrow.

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The State Department says we will not change our plan for international control of atomic energy..just to win Russian approval.

And Dr. E.R. Lapp, a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, says we should set-up a one billion dollar agency to spy on Russia. He thinks the Russians profited by a deficiency in our security system in building their bomb.

In Mississippi, the southern governors conference has gone on record against federal control of tideland oil rights.. and "against government regimentation of the individual citizen." But the governors are for more R.F.C. aid to the states and local governments. South Carolina's Governor J. Strom Thurmond was elected [redacted] as the new chairman of the conference.

Murrow: November 22, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

~~A Young Man of 14~~

Normally we don't report what goes on in movie theatres, but this is different. The scene, the Fabian Fox Theatre in Brooklyn; four thousand students, average age fourteen, gathered there this morning to watch the United Nations proceedings on CBS television. Their teachers told them they were watching history in the making. (The students were not exactly fascinated.) They booed Vishinsky and applauded the American delegates - a sort of cowboys and ~~Indians~~ Indians reaction. They were bored by the long speeches, but seemed to think my old friend Larry Lesueur who was handling the telecast from the U.N. was wonderful; there he was with a microphone, wearing headphones, a big clock behind him - (sort of Buck Rogers character,) if one can so characterize a distinguished diplomatic correspondent.

We went right to the source for our reaction to this first experiment in mass education by television, and recorded for you the unbeased comments of some of the students. This from a fourteen-year-old boy:

TAPE I: END CUE: " ....they didn't really think it was interesting."

MURROW: (Memo to delegates to the U.N.:) If you're going to impress your teen-age audience, it would be advisable to stay awake. Here a girl reflects the old American town meeting philosophy:

TAPE II: END CUE: "...~~from every country, be every other country~~"

Delegates themselves-

A young man had a suggestion of How to improve Relations between Nations

MURROW: We suggested to this young man — to every other country — that educators were pretty poorly paid, and couldn't afford to travel very much. But he had an answer for that:

TAPE III: END CUE: "....which is using up millions of dollars yearly."

MURROW: Inevitably, with the boys of fourteen, there had to be a comparison between the attractiveness of the U.N. and baseball:

TAPE IV: END CUE: "...maybe I'll be one of them men."

MURROW: Now here's a comment about the play baseball and the U.N. get in the newspapers:

TAPE V: END CUE: "...they just tell you where it is."

MURROW: It was clear that the students didn't know much about the issues, or the personalities - (had difficulty telling the players without a score-card) One girl put it this way:

TAPE VI: END CUE: "....the United Nations would be much more popular."

MURROW: Now finally a penetrating comment on the art of conversation and the weight of words, by a young lady of fourteen:

TAPE VII: END CUE: "...I think they know even more than the big shots."

SCHOOL TAPES

#1 Boy 13 .:50

Well, I think one of the reasons the Russians know more about us than we know about them, is because of these called Iron Curtain. And this Iron Curtain is supposed to keep all information from coming out of Russia and anything from the other countries to come in...and we have...supposedly both countries have spies in each other's country...And they are learning about each other, but we presume that Russia has more in our country than we have in theirs because they are able to get it in more easily, but they are a great many bans put on the Russians...Russians becoming educated such as teachers and other jobs like that and I feel that we should stop this cold war and get better acquainted with each other and I think that would promote better relations between the two countries.

RECORDED FOR YOU THE COMMENTS OF ~~SOME~~ OF THE STUDENTS THIS FROM A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY

#2 Boy 1:16

I think if a person in the UN would listen to both sides of the story Well, I know, I seen on the UN...I was watching on television plenty of times...I see once a person finishes talking he goes to sleep already. He just listens to his own side and thinks he's right all the time. And I know a lot of people...as they talk...I've seen on television...the other

countries just sit back and go to sleep like. When Vishinsky was talking today the man from Bolivia...I don't really know his name...had his hands in front of his eyes and he was taking a nap. And like other countries when they get a chance to speak they just talk for themselves and they don't get a chance to hear the other people's opinions. They don't really get a chance to hear the other people's thoughts they just say what they think...or what their country thinks, but they don't listen to anyone else. Like Bolivia, I mean, the representative wasn't listening to what Vishinsky said, and I know, that as soon as Vishinsky went off then another country started talking so...I don't know everyone was falling asleep...they didn't really think it was interesting. 1'10

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#3 Girl :18

1'22 I believe that after they have the United Nations..I think that someone in the audience should get up and tell their point of view and like they have on other programs on television, I believe they should call on people from the audience to state their facts and ask questions...why and how things that they disagree with the delegates themselves.

A YOUNG MAN HAD A SUGGESTION OF HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS

#4 Boy Part A. :20

~~Well, I think since we have the United Nations we should make the United Nations work for us to do the things that we want.~~ One way to promote better relationships is to send educators from one country over to another country and so forth and from every country to every other country...~~travelling around and that would educate the countries of the world exactly what everybody is doing.~~

Part B. :32 WE SUGGESTED TO THIS YOUNG MAN THAT ED. PRETTY POORLY PAID, COULDN'T AFFORD TO TRAVEL, BUT HE HAD AN ANSWER FOR THAT

Well, we could pay them better...we could increase the taxes although I don't think my parents would like to have their taxes increased or any other parents would. But there are a great many ways in which we could increase the tax so we could cut out the cold war which is using up millions of dollars yearly.

#5 Boy :28

Well, when I was looking at the United Nations today, I just say all the big countries ~~fighting...when like if you are reading~~ a newspaper tomorrow you see that the United States ~~helps~~ Italy...the United States helps another country. But when the United Nations is meeting there why don't Italy and all these ~~other countries~~ speak up. When you read in the newspapers

that all you see...that they're asking the United States for help, but when the United Nations comes, they just sit down in their seats ad they don't know what to do.

#6 Boy : ATTRACTIVENESS OF AND BASEBALL

Well, I know more about Jackie Robinson because I only went to one United Nations meeting and if they didn't have this I wouldn't even know what it was about. Like they just have one thing for the schools to go to in about a year...I think they should have more things to go to...like a child...he goes to the ball game and he doesn't know what the United Nations is about so he doesn't go. And nobody tells him what's it like if somebody gave me a ticket to go to the United Nations, I'd take it because...I don't know...I just think it would be something new to me and I'd like to learn what it's about. Like if I had a ticket to go to the ball game and a ticket to go to the United Nations...well, I'd know what the ball game was all about because I went to other ones, but I wouldn't know what the United Nations was about and I'd like to go.

Part B :

I would attend the United Nations because I saw many other ball games and I and I'd like to know what it's all about.

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#7 Boy ;23 Cue: BASEBALL & UN GETS IN NEWS PAPERS

Well, first of all, baseball is more known because it's older than the UN...the UN just started. And when a man on a baseball team does something good there's a big picture on the front page that he hits a homerun or something like that. But when it's to the UN, you open up the page and you see a little picturd in there and it says "The UN is meeting today or tomorrow and they don't tell you when the day is or the date...they just tell you there it is. ~~Most of the kids in Brooklyn they won't go all the way out to where they're meeting or anything like that.~~

(Fading slightly)

#8 Girl "A" ;22 ONE GIRL PUT IT THE BEST

I think that the United Nations should be taught in school...and I know this....in my school we have these very old geography books from 1934 and we learn geography from before the second world war, and I think that's very unnecessary. And I think also that if we were taught about what's happening in the United Nations today and it was brought to us at a level that we could understand, the United Nations would be much more popular.

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#8 Part B another girl ;18

That's exactly it, because I think the United Nations is a very important thing and schools should put more emphasis on current events than on ancient history. I'm sure we need more of that because that's what's ahead of us...we need to know what's ahead of us instead of what's behind us.

BY YOUNG LADY of 14

#9 ~~Girl~~ Soc Girl ;28

Well, I think we should have points of view from all sorts of people... like if I went to a workingman's house...while they were talking...I find it much more interesting...their point of view, because they've been in the world longer these old men...the Italians the Irishmen...they argue and you find some very interesting points of what they talk about. I think they know even more than the big shots.

#10 Cue: not only ~~for youth but the~~ rest of us when she said:

Last tape

"We need more what's ahead of us instead of what's behind us"

MURROW: She is probably right at that. But another young lady summed up the problem of Education - not only for youth but for the rest of us, too, when she said:

TAPE VIII: CUE: "We need to know what's ahead of us instead of what's behind us."

MURROW: Of course, the U.N. is trying to chart a future course for all of us. The four thousand students in that theatre in Brooklyn may not have gotten much out of today's experience, but I think we did. Those recorded voices you have heard reflect the eagerness of those fourteen-year-olds to learn, their awareness of the importance of what is happening, and their feeling that they are not being properly briefed on current events. The comments of these students were about as intelligent and penetrating as anything heard at Lake Success today. So far as the delegates to the U.N. are concerned, they now have it on the authority of that Brooklyn boy that those who, in his words "go to sleep already" aren't going to impress anybody very much. And the educators who staged the experiment have presumably learned that television, like radio, is a supplementary medium in the field of education.

Bob
How CAN you Contribute anything to our knowledge

Murrow: November 22, 1949. WORD FOR TODAY

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Well Bob, listening to those fourteen-year-old students talk about the United Nations reminded me that Longfellow once said: "The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts." And someone else - I don't know who it was - said: "Education can't make us all leaders, but it can teach us which leaders to follow."

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Murrow: November 23, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

This is the News —

David E. Lilienthal has resigned as Chairman, and member, of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, his resignation to be effective at the close of business on December Thirty-First, 1949. The President has accepted the resignation, and in doing so he paid high tribute to Mr. Lilienthal. Mr. Truman wrote: "You have indeed, through almost twenty consecutive years of public service and tough pioneering jobs, always under tremendous pressure, and often under destructive criticism, earned the right to return to private life. Your reward, I believe, will be in the consciousness of your country's confidence in what you have done, and in the way in which you have done it."

Mr. Lilienthal has made no statement since his letter of resignation was made public, ~~and~~ but he has agreed to come to our microphone in Washington, and answer a few questions.

(1) Why did you quit now?

(2) There are rumors that you are going to open a law office, go into politics - all sorts of things. What are you going to do?

Wont be applying for unemployment Relief

(3) Does your resignation have anything to do with any change, any compromise in our international policy in regard to Atomic Energy?

(4) Are you satisfied with the progress of the Atomic Energy Program to date?

(5) I don't suppose you could give us any advance information about your successor?

Nov. 23, 1949 - Text of Lilienthal answers to Murrow questions.

LILIENTHAL: 1., Well Ed, there's only one time that a fellow can quit this kind of a job, and that's when it's going well. This is that kind of a time.

2. I don't know...haven't had much time to think about it...you wouldn't have anything on your mind, would you?

3. No, not at all...It has no such implication, Ed.

4. Well Ed, atomic energy has come a long, long way in these past three years. But neither I or anyone else ought ever to say he's satisfied. This is a new and a huge field of knowledge we've got our hands on, filled with tough problems, and potentially great rewards for mankind. But I will say this, and say it without any qualifications: I'm satisfied that a good beginning has been made.

5. That's strictly for the President, Ed, as if you didn't know.

6. Oh, TVA, I'd say, but of course they're hard to compare, they're so different. TVA dealt more with people and the way they built up their Valley. That was a very heartening thing to be part of, and then in TVA there wasn't secrecy, and however necessary it is, it certainly doesn't add to the pleasure a man gets out of his work. I'd say I liked TVA most of all because it was a kind of walking proof of how well democracy works in actual day to day life. There's a lot of joy in that.

Q. Any chance of writing another book?

(7) No, I think not, Ed. I think I'll go right to work.

(6) Does this mean that after the first of the year, when you leave the Commission, you won't have Eddie and those other Secret Service men shadowing you wherever you go?

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(7) One last question: Your twenty years of working for your country have been divided between two great projects - the T.V.A., and Atomic Energy development. Which gave you the most personal satisfaction?

Thanks & good luck-

Two of your fellow Hoosiers

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LA GUARDIA: Now, children, I know you're all disappointed today that you didn't get the "funnies," so gather around. Here's Dick Tracy! Let's see what Dick Tracy is doing. Now, get this picture! Here is Wet Wash. The doors of the laundry wagon are open. He's leaning with his back towards the wagon and he's counting his money. Two ... three ... four thousand! Now he's getting into the hundreds ... six hundred ... seven hundred ... eight hundred ... and the picture shows a hand, a burglar. He's got hold of that iron pot. Remember the iron pot he took from the Van Hussens, and ... crash! ... he crashed it on his head. Knocked out!

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social conditions in which free institutions can exist. Any government that is willing to assist in the task of recovery will find full cooperation, I am sure, on the part of the United States Government. Any government which maneuvers to block the recovery of other countries cannot expect help from us.

MURROW: The citizens should always be grateful to the member of the community who is eloquent in defense of human rights. I doubt that anyone has said more eloquently what most of us believe than did David E. Lilienthal when he was being questioned about his fitness as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. One day during the hearings, Senator McKellar, of Tenn., one of the leaders in the bitter, vicious, and bigoted attack against Mr. Lilienthal, criticized him for not carrying certain highly technical information in his head, asked him what kind of American he was. Mr. Lilienthal extemporized this answer.

LILIENTHAL: This I do carry in my head, Senator. I'll do my best to make it clear. I believe, and I conceive, the Constitution of the United States to rest, as does religion, upon the fundamental proposition of the integrity of the individual and that all government and all private institutions must be designed to promote and protect and defend the integrity and the dignity of the individual, that this is the essential meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as it is essentially the meaning of religion. The fundamental tenet of Communism is that the state is an end in itself and that, therefore, the powers which the state exercises over the individual are without any ethical standard to limit them. That I deeply disbelieve. I deeply believe in the capacity of democracy to surmount any trials that may lie ahead, provided only that we practice it in our daily lives. And among the things that we must practice is this,- that while we seek fervently to ferret out the subversive and anti-democratic forces in the country we do not at the same time, by hysteria, by resort to innuendo, and smears, and other unfortunate tactics, besmirch the very cause that we believe in and cause a separation among our people, cause one group and one individual to hate another, based on mere attacks, mere unsubstantiated attacks upon their loyalty. This I deeply believe.

MURROW: There were many hearings in Washington during the first three years of the atomic age. Some of the witnesses talked back, as did Howard Hughes when he was questioned by Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan.

FERGUSON: Do you know where Mr. Meyers is?

HUGHES: Meyers?

FERGUSON: Yes ... John Meyers!

HUGHES: Oh, Meyers!

FERGUSON: Yes!

HUGHES: No! ... no! ... I don't!

FERGUSON: He works for you, does he not, Mr. Hughes?

HUGHES: He worked for my company.

FERGUSON: It may be funny to you that he isn't here!

HUGHES: I didn't laugh, Senator! Somebody laughed back there. (laughter)

FERGUSON: Well, he's in your employ! Do you think that Mr. Meyers in business at the present time is more important than this Committee hearing?

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FERGUSON: Who, in your company, will know the whereabouts of Mr. Meyers at the present time?

HUGHES: I don't know that, but you've had him here for unlimited questioning and I brought him back here twice from abroad. I don't see why I should do any more than that just to accommodate you so you can put him up here beside me on the stand and make a publicity show out of it.

FERGUSON: Well, is that the reason he is not here?

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HUGHES: What, today?!

FERGUSON: Yes!

HUGHES: No, I don't think I will. (laughter)

MURROW: This reporter is thankful that national political conventions come only once every four years. Do you remember that long, hot night of oratory at Philadelphia in the summer of '48?

SPEAKER: My (inaudible) colleague in the Senate, the Honorable Robert A. Taft, from Ohio; the man America needs and wants, Harold E. Stassen! America's next President, Thomas E. Dewey!

VOICE: I nominate Douglas MacArthur!

VOICE: A recognized statesman, the Honorable Senator Arthur E. Vandenberg.

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TAYLOR: (I Love You as I Never Loved Before)

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Ed.trans.-Adele A. Cardiff (30)

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Dixon, What do you know about Customer Preference

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This is a country of bigness, where Big Labor tangles with Big Business, and where Big Government gets bigger and bigger. The House Judiciary Committee, under the chairmanship of Representative Cellar of New York, is holding hearings on the general subject of "How Big Should Business Be?" Mr. Cellar and some other Congressmen think that the big life insurance companies, for example, should be regulated by federal statute; say they make too much money, are controlled by too few people, and the State laws are loose and inadequate. They are not sure what kind of a law they want, but they want a law. Several representatives of small insurance companies don't agree; they say they are doing all right, and they don't want a law that will prevent them from getting big one day.

At today's hearings it was the turn of Charles E. Wilson, head of General Electric. Mr. Cellar is worried that "bigness" in itself is bad. Mr. Wilson of General Electric symbolizes bigness, and he thinks that it's that very bigness - among other things - that gets us a 60-watt light bulb for twelve cents. Representative Cellar said he thought General Motors put out a good car, but was it desirable, and in the public interest, for G.M. to keep on growing? Mr. Wilson replied that they put out a good product at a low price. General Motors needles the whole industry; and he added, "This is still a free country, isn't it? It's not a socialistic state. Why shouldn't they operate that way?" Mr. Cellar wanted to know if Mr. Wilson worried about the curse of bigness when he became President of General Electric. Mr. Wilson: "If I did, I certainly made some foolish moves. General Electric's business was four hundred million dollars a year when I took over. Last year it was one billion, six hundred and thirty-two million." It was Mr. Wilson's contention that the problem of bigness in business is totally distinct and separate from the problem of illegal monopoly. And that bigness, by creating and introducing new products, has made it possible for whole new industries to develop with hundreds of thousands of small business units active in them - jobs for many thousands of workers, a higher standard of living for the whole country.

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Dixon, what do you know about customer preference.

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In Washington today John L. Lewis refused to let former Judge Charles Dawson act as the operators trustee of the miners pension and welfare fund. Lewis is against him.. claims

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there are some legal flaws in his appointment. Neutral Trustee Senator Bridges wants to seat Judge Dawson. So no action was taken by the three trustees today.

But, as a result of Lewis' decision to send the miners back to work, the Stock Market went up again today.. raising prices to their highest average in 13 months.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told a Congressional committee today that the government's budget ought to be balanced now. He refused to SAY whether this should be done by higher taxes.. a cut in spending..or both.

Senator Gillette of Iowa said today he was "shocked" by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company's "refusal" to testify before a congressional committee on coffee prices. Later the A. and P. said it needs more time to get its figures together.. will be glad to testify later. So the Senator agreed to allow the company more time.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannon today ordered the cotton growers in 20 states to cut their 1950 plantings. Last July, 26-million (ACRES) were under cultivation. The Secretary wants that held to 21-million next year.

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The State Department says Angus Ward and 17 other members of our consulate in Mukden will leave that city on Wednesday..bound for Tientsin, and then a ship that will take them to Japan or Korea. The State Department says it has "hopes" that two naval fliers held by the Communists for 13 months will be free by Christmas. They are: Elmer Bender of Cincinnati and William C. Smith of Long Beach. Its just a "hope."

At the United Nations today, the Chinese got a three-day delay in the vote on their resolution condemning Russia, and demanding that no nations [redacted] (RECOGNIZE) the Chinese Communists. The Nationalist proposal has very little chance of being approved.

In Tokyo, Republican Senator Knowland of California, proposes that General MacArthur be named High Commissioner for Asia. The general has no comment on this.

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Here in New York tonight, Vice President Berkley is telling a Democratic [redacted] 100-dollar-a-plate dinner, that the party will increase its congressional majorities next year. He says people "who delight to occupy the position of tree-sitters and hitching-post

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We learn that in the whole country we use about seven hundred gallons a day, per person; that the country as a whole spends more than a million dollars a day for ground water. The country as a whole gets an average of about thirty inches of rainfall in a year; twenty-one inches of it evaporates; the remaining nine inches becomes "run-off" water - that is, it reaches streams or seeps into underground reservoirs. That's plenty for all of us, but water is like a bank; you can't take out more than you put in, without getting into trouble. The fact is we are using more and more water all the time.

Mark Twain once said that "Water taken in moderation can't hurt anybody"; but we aren't just drinking it. We're using more and more water for air-conditioning, irrigation and industry - particularly the chemical

industry.

The drought of the thirties frightened us into accepting a new science called "groundwater hydrology". Nationally there are two problems, first to learn where the water is and in what quantity, and second deciding how to divide it up. Of course, the water isn't always where we want it, but these water scientists say that's our fault for not knowing what we were doing. Water surveys have been made for only a tiny part of the country; state laws having to do with water are a hodge-podge. It wasn't so long ago, out in the South-West, when folks got shot during arguments over water; and even now when two states get to arguing about it, the National Guard is sometimes alerted. California and Arizona have been arguing about water for years, and can't even agree on how to take one of their disputes to the Supreme Court.

The availability of water influences shifts of population and location of industry. The hydrologists can tell you what cities are going to have water trouble in the next few years. One of their maps shows a hundred areas where more water is being taken out of the ground than is going in. For example, in Louisville Kentucky a group of factories and refineries pumped sixty-two million gallons a day, for a while. Then they had to call

on the experts to get them out of the drought. More and more industrialists are going to the government experts with their water problem. They go in and say: "We'll need about twenty million gallons a day; where can we get that much, and still get our labor supply and transportation?" The hydrologists suggest a site, set a limit on the amount of water to be pumped out, and the factory is safe.

The borough of Brooklyn has had more trouble, trial and torment with water than with the Dodgers - and for just about as long. They pumped up so much fresh water that salt water moved in to replace it. So they had to pump the fresh water back in to drive the salt water out.

North Dakota and Montana are examples of drained reservoirs. The first wells out there hit water that produced a pressure of two hundred pounds to the square inch. It was wasted; the wells dried up, or just trickled. It will take a century to build up that pressure again.

The experts tell us that there's trouble ahead for the high plains of Texas, the huge ~~xxxx~~ tablelands that sweep up to Nebraska. The formation there is glacial sand, clay and gravel about three hundred feet thick. Over the centuries this formation became saturated with water; but the

irrigation wells - ten thousand of them, (twenty-five hundred new ones last year) - are blotting it up pretty fast. They are pumping water out of those high plains twenty-five times faster than nature is replacing it. Already some of the wells have dried up, and in another five or ten years the water just won't be there. (and the farmers won't be there either)

The fact is that we have made preliminary water surveys of less than a quarter of the surface of this country. But these are just preliminary, sort of casual studies of formations, showing that here or there we ought to find a certain amount of water. Only about five percent of the surface of the country has been covered by intensive surveys, and that's the only kind of any use to anyone who wants to set up a factory or populate a city.

On a national basis the facts fairly shout ~~[illegible]~~, not only for conservation, but for more intensive surveys, for consistent state laws, and better planning for the future. There is more water than we'll use under any foreseeable future conditions, if only we manage it properly.

~~Now you take over, Bob, [illegible].~~

Now hears Bob with a "management" suggestion

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1949

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Bust, as a result of Lewis' decision to send the miners back to work, the Stock Market went up again today...raising prices to their highest average in 13 months.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told a Congressional committee today that the government's budget ought to be balanced now. He refused to say whether this should be done by higher taxes...a cut in spending...or both.

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At the United Nations today, the Chinese got a three-day delay in the vote on their resolution condemning Russia and demanding that no nations recognize the Chinese Communists. The Nationalist proposal has very little chance of being approved.

In Tokyo, Republican Senator Knowland of California, proposes that General MacArthur be named High Commissioner for Asia. The general has no comment on this.

Here in New York tonight, Vice President Barkley is telling a Democratic 100-dollar-a plate dinner, that the party will increase its congressional majorities next year. He says people "who delight to occupy the position of tree-sitters and hitching-post devotees"are opposed to the Democratic program...

Republican Senator Bricker of Ohio suggested today that the Republicans may have to give up their name...and form a new party with conservative Southern Democrats to stop the trend toward a welfare state.

In Yugoslavia today, a Russian orthodox priest said he was guilty of spying for the Russians.. Another of the 10 spy case defendents...the only woman among them..said she was guilty of collaborating with Nazis during the war.

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EXCERPT - WATER CONSERVATION

The water reserve for New York City, and a number of neighboring communities, is dangerously low. The hotels and restaurants here have agreed not to serve water with meals, unless it's requested. But some of them still fill up the glass with ice cubes. Citizens are being exhorted to conserve water. This situation caused us to undertake a little research on the subject of water, and we were nearly drowned in statistics.

We learn that in the whole country we use about seven hundred gallons a day per person; that the country as a whole spends more than a million dollars a day for ground water. The country as a whole gets an average of about thirty inches of rainfall in a year; twenty-one inches of it evaporates; the remaining nine inches becomes "run-off" water -- that is, it reaches streams or seeps into underground reservoirs. That's plenty for all of us, but water is like a bank; you can't take out more than you put in, without getting into trouble. The fact is we are using more and more water all the time.

Mark Twain once said that "Water taken in moderation can't hurt anybody"; but we aren't just drinking it. We're using more and more water for air-conditioning, irrigation and industry -- particularly the chemical industry.

The drought of the thirties frightened us into accepting a new science called "groundwater hydrology". Nationally there are two problems, first to learn where the water is and in what quantity, and second deciding how to divide it up. Of course, the water isn't always where we want it, but these water scientists say that's our fault for not knowing what we were doing. Water surveys have been made for only a tiny part of the country; state laws having to do with water are a hodge-podge. It wasn't so long ago out in the South-West when folks got shot during arguments over water; and even now when two states get to arguing about it, the National Guard is sometimes alerted.

California and Arizona have been arguing about water for years, and can't even agree on how to take one of their disputes to the Supreme Court.

The availability of water influences shifts of population and location of industry. The hydrologists can tell you what cities are going to have water trouble in the next few years. One of their maps shows a hundred areas where more water is being taken out of the ground than is going in. For example, in Louisville, Kentucky, a group of factories and refineries pumped sixty-two million gallons a day -- for a while. Then they had to call on the experts to get them out of the drought. More and more industrialists are going to the government experts with their water problem. They go in and say: "We'll need about twenty million gallons a day; where can we get that much, and still get our labor supply and transportation"? The hydrologists suggest a site, set a limit on the amount of water to be pumped out, and the factory is safe.

The borough of Brooklyn has had more trouble, trial and torment with water than with the Dodgers -- and for just about as long. They pumped up so much fresh water that salt water moved in to replace it. So they had to pump the fresh water back in to drive the salt water out.

North Dakota and Montana are examples of drained reservoirs. The first wells out there hit water that produced a pressure of two hundred pounds to the square inch. It was wasted; the wells dried up, or just trickled. It will take a century to build up that pressure again.

The experts tell us that there's trouble ahead for the high plains of Texas, the huge tablelands that sweep up to Nebraska. The formation there is glacial sand, clay and gravel about three hundred feet thick. Over the centuries this formation became saturated with water; but the irrigation wells -- ten thousand of them, (twenty-five hundred new ones last year) -- are blotting it up pretty

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fast. They are pumping water out of those high plains twenty-five times faster than nature is replacing it. Already some of the wells have dried up, and in another five or ten years the water just won't be there, (and the farmers won't be there either).

The fact is that we have made preliminary water surveys of less than a quarter of the surface of this country. But these are just preliminary, sort of casual studies of formations, showing that here or there we ought to find a certain amount of water. Only about five percent of the surface of the country has been covered by intensive surveys, and that's the only kind of any use to anyone who wants to set up a factory or populate a city.

On a national basis the facts fairly shout, not only for conservation, but for more intensive surveys, for consistent state laws, and better planning for the future. There is more water than we'll use under any foreseeable future conditions, if only we manage it properly.

Now here's Bob with a "management" suggestion --

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Dec. 5

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(the first break in his six months campaign to negotiate new contracts.)

These miners..who produce only one per cent of our annual production..

will get: a 95 cents a day raise.. almost 12 cents an hour.. making

their pay 15-dollars a day. For each ton of coal they produce, their

welfare fund will get a total of 35 cents. That's 15 cents more than in

the expired contract. They will work a five-day week..starting

immediately (the rest of the coal industry is still working a three-day week)

The pay and welfare fund raises go into effect the first of

the year. The contract will run for 20 months. Either side can end it

with 30 days notice. In addition, Mr. Lewis has set up a new welfare fund board of

trustees for this contract.. a west Virginia operator is on it, so's

Lewis, and so is Miss Josephine Roche, his friend, and present director

of the pension fund. This contract may be the "formula" for future settlements.

The union says it expects to sign up more operators quickly

in western Pennsylvania and Indiana. A spokesman for the southern

producers says the mines that signed today are "marginal producers"...

willing to weaken the industry's position to make a quick dollar.

Nevertheless, if the union can sign up more operators

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on these terms, plus the five-day week, it will lessen the possibility of any national emergency resulting from the three-day week in other coal fields.

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Two department of Agriculture officials warned farmers today: the government has almost run out of its allotted funds to support farm prices.. farmers are going to find it harder to sell their products to the rest of the world.

A Commerce Department official says there's been no drop in our coffee imports this year.. in fact, they've been larger than last year.. and he estimates the Brazilian crop will be larger next year than this year. Senator Gillettee of Iowa, investigating the high price of coffee, says this means "manipulation of prices" is

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To say that the French are worried about the situation would be a great understatement.

The Communist press and radio of Europe is also worried, and to the point where they don't know what to say. In Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, the Communist government had another routine trial underway, where each defendant was supposed to outdo the other in confessing his guilt. The trouble arose when former Deputy Premier Kostov, until recently the number two communist in the country, wouldn't stay confessed. He was supposed to have written a confession, but he got up in court yesterday and said he hadn't spied for British Intelligence; hadn't conspired with Tito to annexe Bulgaria to Yugoslavia; and he hadn't given away the names of the Communist Central Committee when he was arrested and tortured by King Boris' police in 1942. This is the first time in eleven years that a communist treason trial has gone off the rails. In the past the defendants have been fluent and abject in their confessions, often confessing to things of which they were not even accused. Tass, the

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A congressional committee investigating low-income families was told today that some five million needy Americans now get public

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Army Undersecretary Vorhees, on his way home from a visit to Tokyo, says General MacArthur believes Japan is now entitled to "the position of self-respect enjoyed by a soverign nation".. believes we "can trust the Japanese".. that they've been converted to democracy and turned their backs on Communism.

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The House un-American Activities Committee has scheduled a hearing for next Monday to ask more questions of General Groves and former Major Jordan. Some Republican members had complained they never had the chance to attend the hearings. Other members are interested in General Groves suggestion that he might have had more to say if asked "different questions."

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Here in New York, the city's eight million residents have been asked to use no more water than is absolutely necessary from midnight Thursday to midnight Friday...(the latest move to help conserve the city's dwindling water supply.)

Murrow: December 12, 1949.

Evidence is increasing that the Communist Parties in Western Europe are undergoing an unusual amount of internal strain. The last general strikes they attempted in France and Italy were spectacularly unsuccesful, compared to similar strikes a year ago. The Norwegians at their last election flung all of the communists out of their Parliament. But the evidences of dissension can best be seen in the actions of the communist parties themselves. Three top leaders of the Norwegian Communist Party have been flung out of office, on charges of Titoism. The Communist Party in Western Germany has ousted at least ten of its officials on similar grounds. Communist Party members have gone from France and Italy to Yugoslavia, contrary to Party orders, and have brought back favorable reports, which have tended to divide their fellow-communists at home.

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The strength of communism in Western Europe in the immediate post-war years lay in the fact that Moscow had, in most of the countries of western Europe, a well-trained, efficient and disciplined minority willing to do its

bidding without question. But as the post-war political lines hardened, the Western communists faced the question of whether their first allegiance was to their native country, or to Moscow. How they could be, or appear to be patriots and communists at the same time. Faced with this dilemma, the pull of nationalism, plus the example of Tito's succesful defiance, drew many Party members away from strict and unquestioning obedience to Moscow.

Responsible European leaders are not saying that the communist menace to Western Europe is ended, but the combination of economic recovery plus the rigid and inflexible control from Moscow have caused it to diminish very perceptibly.

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This is a story with social significance - (of political and economic importance, too.) It's about automatic washing machines, in Vienna. These new-fangled products of the machine age have produced grim political civil war in the City Government. Here's the background, as it reached us by private cable from Alex Kendrick in Vienna this afternoon.

It seems that an enterprising American free-enterpriser named Ken Rogers opened up an automatic washery with twenty machines, on Vienna's Lichtenstein Strasse. He arrived with a hundred machines, but the municipal authorities would grant him licence to operate only twenty - on the grounds that a too sudden industrial revolution would reak havoc in the regular laundry business, and contribute materially to the creation of additional unemployment.

These automatic washing machines began doing a tremendous business - long lines of housewives waiting their turn. They had to wait so long that the women began complaining of inadequate facilities, demanding that the eighty other machines still in storage be put in use immediately. This issue was raised last week in the Vienna City Council. That Council is controlled by the socialists. The members revealed that they were under

extreme pressure from their own wives, and something had to be done. Being socialists, they thought it would be much more suitable, and in line with socialist doctrine if the automatic washing machines were all socialised, and operated by the municipality itself. They began proceeding with this idea, when the conservative section of the city council decided that since automatic washing machines had come to Vienna to stay, they wanted them to stay on a free enterprise basis.

So now the Laundry Owners' Guild, which formerly opposed the whole idea, has sent a trade mission to the United States to buy automatic washing machines for free enterprise, capitalistic operation in Vienna.

But the communists were still to be heard from. Today their leading newspaper entered the controversy; denounced both the Socialists and the Conservatives for their policy regarding automatic washing machines; for being tools of American imperialistic interests, asserting that these "laundry ideas" are designed to turn Austria into a colony of the United States. The Communists say further that Americans are so low that they stoop to making money from Vienna's dirty linen. The Communists declare that automatic washing machines are "possible" only "under a People's

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Now hears Bob Dixon for Campbells Soups-

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The federal government spends one billion dollars a year bolstering competing transportation systems. The President tonight asked ten agencies to look over a report by Commerce Secretary Sawyer..see what can be done for more efficiency and more eceonomy. The Sawyer report says we're competing with ourself: subsidizing airlines, for example, and forcing the railroads into the red. Our regulatory agencies --for trucks, trains, planes and ships, often work at cross purposes. That's costly. Maybe one agency should run all the transportation subsidy programs. Maybe we should end the practise of giving big payments to inefficient airlines, virtually guaranteeing them against bancruptcy. Maybe we should cut down on government regulation, in favor of more competition. The government agencies are going to study this report. It grew out of suggestions by the Hoover Commission for reorganizing the government.

A group of citizens supporting the Hoover recommendations heard praise today from Defense Secretary Johnson. He said military unification and the prospect of saving one billion dollars this year

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are due to the support of President Truman, the understanding, knowledge and help of former President Hoover. [redacted] And Budget Director Pace.. back in Washington from Key West conferences with the President, promises that Congress next year will be given a "major program" for reorganizing the government.

At Key West, the President's aides say he's going to base next year's civil rights fight on a federal Fair Employment Practises law..(a law to ban racial discrimination in any business engaged in interstate commerce.)

Labor Secretary Tobin told a Congressional committee today: it appears that one-eighth to one-quarter of all big city families do not make enough money for an adequate living. That's why he wants to raise the minimum wage, unemployment compensation and social security benefits.

The Labor Department says we've built more homes in this country this year than in any other year.. more than 937-thousand by the end of November. And the Post Office department says this year's volume of Christmas mail is heavier than ever.

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~~Marshall Plan Administrator Hoffman says if Western Europe goes Communist, we'd have to raise our present defense budget 15 billion.. to 25 or 30 billion.~~

~~John L. Lewis says he's signed up a few more small soft coal operators. And he's personally negotiating with hard coal operators here in New York.~~

At the Hiss trial, Dr. Stanley Hornbeck, who used to be Mr. Hiss' boss as political affairs advisor in the State Department, said that on two occassions he heard former Ambassador Bullitt refer to Hiss as a Communist. The defense produced three more witnesses who called Mr. Hiss' ~~character~~ reputation excellent.

At the Harry Bridges trial in San Fransisco, the jury heard from Manning R. Johnson who said he belonged to the Communist party for ten years.. has since testified at 20 Communist hearings. He said Harry Bridges was a member of one of the party's highest policy-making bodies in 1936. He saw Bridges at a Communist National Committee meeting in New York that year.

The A.F. of L. Pressmen's Union has revoked the charters

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The chairman of the Republican national strategy committee--Arthur Summerfield of Michigan, had this advice TODAY for his party workers: We have hit bottom and we're on the way up.. we need a change of strategy and tactics.. we've cried wolf so much in recent years that its difficult to arouse the people to the threats to the American system.. we've never given them a clear choice (except in the 1946 congressional election.)
We must--said Mr. Summerfield--we must "get rid of me-tooism and go to the people with a program clearly and unmistakably in opposition to the Democrats."

The United Nations Trusteeship Council voted tonight to go ahead with its plans for INTERNATIONALIZING Jerusalem. THE DECISION CAME AFTER the Isreali government decided to move its capital to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. Assembly President Romulo says this "complicates an already complicated situation." Isreal now shares Jerusalem with the Transjordan

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Arabs. Both oppose internationalizing the city--as approved by the General Assembly.

In Sofia, Former Deputy Premier Kostov again pleaded innocent of being a spy. NEVERTHELESS, A Bulgarian communique [redacted] says he "confirmed the crimes he committed."

Tonight I'd like to tell you the tales of three American cities: a big one, a middle sized one and a very small one. The big one is New York. We've had a day of rain. That may bring us five billion gallons of water. But we're still short. So this Friday we're having a "water holiday." We're asked not to shave: "a Friday beard will be a badge of honor." We're asked not to bathe this Friday.. to drink one glass of water less than usual.. to save the dishes for one big washing at night.. do the clothes that way.. keep drinking WATER in a container, instead of running the faucet. Its to be "a test of the public," of all eight million of us here in New York.

XXX Out in the Pacific Northwest they do things in a big way. / Again this year the city of Bellingham, out in the State of Washington, claims the world's tallest Christmas Tree. / It took better than two thousand man hours to ~~xxxxxxx~~ lower the tree to the ground, transport it thirty-five miles, and raise it again; and it's now standing in that city that crowds the curve of Bellingham Bay, between the San Juan Islands and Mount Baker. In order to bring this Douglas fir into the city, they widened curves, diverted traffic, and moved telephone poles. It was hauled in on two logging trucks a hundred feet apart; they had an "intercom" between the two trucks in order to maneuver along the highway. (There are loggers and riggers out there who can do anything with a tree.) This one is five feet in diameter at the base, and as high as a fifteen-storey building -(not counting a ten-foot cross on top of it.) It carries a thousand colored lights, and is precisely a hundred and fifty-three feet in height. There it is, looking down on that puny, one hundred and five foot tree in Los XXXXX Angeles, and the one of a hundred and ~~xxxx~~ ten feet in Vancouver, British Columbia. New York's seventy-five foot spruce is almost a sapling by comparison. And if the competition gets keener for the world's

tallest cut Christmas tree ~~will~~ they'll have some much bigger ones for next year.

For some reason - presumably because this reporter used to work in the woods around Bellingham - they have asked me to give the signal to turn on the lights. I'll just check with Phil XXXX Hillier, who is at a telephone at the base of the tree, to see that they're ready..... Throw switch - wink?

You fellows out in Bellingham ought to get the loan of that plastic Santa Claus from Indianapolis to stand at the base of that tree. He's fifty feet high; twelve persons can walk abreast between his legs; he weighs four tons and it took four box cars to move him. That tree, and that Santa Claus, would be a sight for Paul Bunyan.

But in the midst of all these preparations for holiday celebrations in this rich and fortunate land, let's don't get the idea that good fortune is universally. Let me tell you about the village of Shallmar in Maryland - two hundred and thirty souls - up in the mountains; it's a mining town; wooden houses, all looking alike, stretched for a mile along the Potomac. You won't find it on many maps. All the men, except the storekeeper and the schoolteacher, work for the Wolf Den Coal Corporation. The mine operated three months last year, only twelve days this year, is now closed indefinitely; lack of orders, inability to meet competition caused the shut-down. This year some of the men got a few weeks' work on the roads. There's no money to travel to look for jobs; nearby mines have full crews. Unemployment checks, welfare payments, have long ago ceased. The first snow is falling, and there isn't much heat. Four or five families moved out; the rest don't know what to do. There are fifty kids in school at Shallmar; the Principal is J.P. Andrick. He has one assistant. Some time ago a student fainted, because of no breakfast. Principal Andrick decided to make the situation known. Neighboring towns are now doing what they can to help. The County Commissioners are going to help, by providing hot lunch at the

schoolhouse. Many of the kids have been getting a diet of cabbage and potatoes; one can of condensed milk every other day for babies -(that's maximum.) One mother of six, says they have forgotten what fresh milk tastes like; another says there's been no milk or meat for four months.

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This is a big country; you can get lost in it. The name of the school principal who is doing what he can is J.P. Andrick, at the village of Shallmar - spell? in Maryland, in the United States.

Now here is Bob Dixon.-

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Well Bob, this is the season when we are asked to contribute to many worthy causes. The Englishman Josiah Stamp once said: "It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."

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The Census Bureau says state and local governments are now deeper in debt than ever before. It came to almost 21-billions at the end of the 1949 fiscal year.. a 2-billion-dollar increase in one year.

The Congressional committee investigating low incomes was told today that the South needs help. Dr. Ernest E. Neal of Tuskegee said "the old south is in the midst of a revolution".. Negro farm

hands are moving to the cities.. taking unskilled (JOBS) and low pay, and living in the worst sections. Senator Sparkman of Alabama said two-thirds of the nation's cotton is now produced west of the Mississippi River. And (SECRETARY) of Agriculture Brannon called on Congress to extend the minimum wage law and social security benefits to farm workers.

The Secretary's plan for big direct subsidies to farmers.. (instead of flexible price supports) was turned down today by the American Farm Bureau. The (BUREAU) said the Brannon plan would cost staggering sums.. make farmers dependent on federal handouts.. make the government pay part of every citizen's grocery bill.

The Agriculture Department says during the first 11 months of this year, farmers collected 10 per cent less, for their products, than in the same period last year. They sold a little more than last year.. but the prices they received were down.

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Steel is one of the basic industries in the country. The rise in steel prices means that other prices go up - automobiles, refrigerators, tractors and garbage cans. For example, the steel that goes into an automobile will now cost about seven dollars more than it did before.

In Washington there is talk of a Congressional investigation. DEMOCRATIC Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming says the price increases were not justified, may set off a chain reaction that would bring on inflation, and threaten our world position. He is afraid that Mr. Fairless does not understand the problems of the free enterprise system. "The greatest impediment to free enterprise",

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been working on the plan for two years. The idea is to set up similar designs and standards in all three countries.. so each could help fill-in the needs of the others.

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This From —

Behind the Iron Curtain:

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Murrow: December 19, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

The Department of Agriculture has been adding up figures. They show that this year's harvest gave us the second largest corn crop in our history. It was the fourth best year for wheat; the largest cotton crop in twelve years. All records were broken for the production of dried beans, rice and pears. It was the last year the Government guaranteed price supports for many major crops; (price supports for all the farmers could produce,) and they made the most of it. Right now the Government has somewhere between two-and-a-half and three billion dollars invested in price supports. They had forty-eight World War Two ships full of wheat and flax seed, anchored in the Hudson River, as floating storage bins; insects have been at work in fourteen of the ships. There is no estimate of the loss involved. Government experts are now planning how to reduce production next year of both corn and rice. Planting allotments for wheat and potatoes have already been set. Acreage for cotton, peanuts and certain types of tobacco will also be reduced.

This year's record crops mean more meat and dairy products next year. But for the rest of the world the picture is not so promising. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, half the people of the world will go

to bed hungry tonight. When that international organization met in Washington a few weeks ago, its watchword was "Fifty-five thousand more people for breakfast tomorrow"; (that's the daily world rate of population increase.) And with food production what it is, there won't be fifty-five thousand more breakfasts tomorrow morning. Before the war twenty-two percent of the people of the world got less than two thousand calories a day. Now that figure has risen to thirty-five percent.

The Far East is the worst off. Rice production isn't up to its pre-war level; (and rice feeds more people than wheat and corn together.) And the population is increasing at the rate of about ten million a year.

People who are hungry and who, because of that hunger, are being tempted by Communism, are unlikely to be vastly impressed or encouraged by our reduced acreage for next year.

We have a shortage of water, a surplus of many major crops, but there's still plenty of air. Down in Washington, D.C. there has been a right smart argument about broadcasts plucked from the air and fed into streetcars and buses. Programs consist of music, news, and commercials. Some of the citizens of the District of Columbia, who are without the right to vote, feel

pretty strongly that this "talkie" transportation further reduces their liberties. They claim that while riding in streetcar or bus they're helpless - a "captive audience"; that what comes out of the loudspeakers interferes with their thinking, or reading, impedes conversation, could lead to thought control. They further complain that these ambulant radios deprive them of their right to listen or not to listen; deprive them of their property rights without due process; impair their health, and endanger their security, because the radios distract the attention of the operators of the vehicles.

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no serious threat to the Republic, so long as it is competitive, and so long as the individual can turn it off. / In this case some individual, somewhere, must decide what the traveller will hear; he has no choice of selection; he cannot turn it off or escape, (unless he chooses to walk or purchase a pair of ear-plugs.) The right to listen carries with it the right not to listen, unless of course one is overruled by one's family or friends.

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Now if you're still with us- Listen to Bob Dixon-

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GOODNIGHT AND GOOD LUCK!

Dec. 21, 1949

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The President said today: mankind is exhausted from the ordeal of conflict.. all men are sick of blood-letting and hunger.. weary of the troubles suffered so many years. If we could mobilize opinion, among all men who walk the earth, there would never be another war. But--said the President, we can't mobilize opinion right now. As he dedicated a carillon in Arlington National Cemeteray-- a carillon donated by the American Veterans of World War Two.. Mr. Truman explained: We cannot mobilize opinion alone.. "For the earth is deeply divided between free and captive peoples. There is no appeal to the brotherhood of men who live in daily fear of the concentration camp. Until the captive peoples of the world emerge from darkness, they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship. While they are made to respond to our handclasp with a mailed fist.. we have no choice but to stand ready in self-defense."

Republican Senator Vandenbergh returned to Washington today; for the first time since his lung operation in Michigan last October.

He told reporters we must continue the Marshal plan., send arms to Europe., but he predicts Congress will sharply reduce the cost of both projects. He feels Europe is in a better position to help herself.. feels we must make ecnomies at home. The Senator was asked about the charge that the Republicans have displayed too much me-tooism in our bi-partisan foreign policy. He said that's not true.. there must be frank co-operation and debate between the two parties.. Again he called for diplomatic recognition of Spain. And he spoke against recognizing Communist China now.. because they haven't shown complete control of China.. haven't shown that they'll live up to international law.

The British intend to recognize the Chinese Communists.. possibly during the first week in January. It appears that they're worried about what attitude to take TOWARD the Nationalist government.. now established on Formosa. K. C. Wu took over as governor of Formosa today, promised to eliminate corruption "down to the lowest level."

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party.. called his host's contribution to communism, "colossal."/ Stalin appeared at the Bolshoi theater to listen to a dozen such speeches./ Moscow Radio does not note any words from the leader.. the man WHOM one Russian composer summed up as: everything.. "party, country, town, love, immortality, everything." Deputy Prime Minister Malenkov, earlier, told the Russians Stalin thinks Communism and Capiatlism can live in peace for a long time. And Molotov took off again on Tito and his officials.. called them "a gang of hired murderers."

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~~Secretary of State Acheson says we've now reached "substantially complete agreement" with our European allies on the types of arms we're going to send them.~~

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About a week ago we gave you a brief, factual report on conditions in the mining village of Shallmar, Maryland - about two hundred and fifty people. The mine closed through nobody's fault; kids hungry; Christmas prospects non-existent. It was a simple story that could be duplicated elsewhere; we told it straight and without adjectives, or appeals for anything. This is the follow-up: Mail, packages, food, clothing and toys - and money - moving into Shallmar from every State in the country. The food and the clothing are being divided up, as things are divided on a life-raft. The money probably amounts to thirty-five hundred or four thousand dollars - hasn't all been counted - Mr. Andrick, the school superintendent, has it in his house; isn't going to spend a dime of it until after the first of the year. Then a little committee, possibly made up of the superintendant of the closed mine, the secretary of the Miners' Union and the school Superintendent will decide who gets what.

Today the Shallmar kids went to Cumberland - big dinner, Santa Claus, gifts and a movie arranged by a Catholic girls' school there.

The "Save the Children" federation has shipped a toy store completely stocked with toys down to Shallmar. The children can go in with their parents, select their toys, and their parents can give them to them - which is the way it should be. So far Shallmar has helped about forty families

outside the village. The High School typing class at nearby Kitzmiller is typing up form acknowledgments -(they don't have a mimeograph machine)- and some time after the first of the year everybody who has sent anything will get their acknowledgment from School Superintendent Andrick. Right now he's too busy. He told us on the phone this afternoon that the adults in Shallmar are pretty well set, and he thinks he can take care of the needs of the kids. He said, too, that people are "pleased to death," not so much because of the food, clothing and money, as because people are thinking of them.

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This is the news: The President said today: mankind is exhausted from the ordeal of conflict...all men are sick of blood-letting and hunger....weary of the troubles suffered so many years. If we could mobilize opinion, among all men who walk the earth, there would never be another war. But--said the President, we can't mobilize opinion right now. As he dedicated a carillon in Arlington National Cemetery--a carillon donated by the American Veterans of World War Two. Mr. Truman explained: We cannot mobilize opinion alone.. .."for the earth is deeply divided between free and captive peoples. There is no appeal to the brotherhood of men who live in daily fear of the concentration camp. Until the captive peoples of the world emerge from darkness, they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship. While they are made to respond to our handclasp with a mailed fist...we have no choice but to stand ready in self-defense".

Republican Senator Vandenbergh returned to Washington today; for the first time since his lung operation in Michigan last October. He told reporters we must continue the Marshal Plan...send arms to Europe...but he predicts Congress will sharply reduce the cost of both projects. He feels Europe is in a better position to help herself...feels we must make economies at home. The Senator was asked about the chargethat the Republicans have displayed too much me-tooism in our bi-partisan foreign policy. He said that's not true... there must be frank co-operation and debate between the two parties. Again he called for diplomatic recognition of Spain. And he spoke against recognizing Communist China now.. because they haven't shown complete control of China...haven't shown that they'll live up to international law.

The British intend to recognize the Chinese Communists...possible during the first week in January. It appears that they're worried about what attitude to take toward the Nationalist government...now established on Formosa. K.C. Wu took over as governor of Formosa today, promised to eliminate corrupption "down to the lowest level."

And China's Communist Leader, Mao Tse-Tung made one of the big Moscow speeches tonight at the climax of Stalin's 70th birthday party...called his host's contribution to communism, "colossal." Stalin appeared at the Bolshoi theater to listen to a dozen such speeches. Moscow Radio does not note any words from the leader...the man whom on Russian composer summed up as: everything..."party, country, town, love, immortality, everything." Deputy Prime Minister Malenkov, earlier, told the Russians, Stalin thinks Communism and Capitalism can live in peace for a long time. And Molotov took off again on Tito and his officials...called them "a gang of hired murderers."

In Belgrade, Tito's army political leader, said the Russians used to cheat the Yugoslavs...send them second-hand, unuseable war materials, when Tito was payingfor new stuff. In France today, the Communists are charging that American military aid to France will be scrap-heap junk...advising French soldiers to refuse to use any American weapons when they come.

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Here in New York today, Alger Hiss completed his direct testimony, denying all of Whittaker Chambers story.

And Governor Dewey, in a letter to a friend in Oregon says: he is not going to change his mind...his decision not to run for the presidency, he says, is as final "as death and the staggering New Deal taxes."

About a week ago we gave you a brief, factual report on conditions in the mining village of Shallmar, Maryland--about two hundred and fifty people. The mine closed through nobody's fault; kids hungry; Christmas prospects non-existent. It was a simple story that could be duplicated elsewhere; we told it straight and without adjectives, or appeals for anything. This is the follow-up: mail, packages, food, clothing and toys--and money--moving into Shallmar from every State in the country. The food and the clothing are being divided up, as things are divided on a life-raft. The money probably amounts to thirty-five hundred or four thousand dollars--hasn't all been counted. Mr. Andrick, the school superintendent, has it in his house; isn't going to spend a dime of it until after the first of the year. Then a little committee, possibly made up of the superintendent of the closed mine, the secretary of the Miners' Union and the school superintendent will decide who gets what.

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The Veterans Administration says it has made complete plans to entertain the 98-thousand SERVICE MEN - still in government hospitals all over the country. Local townspeople and the patients themselves have helped prepare for the holiday.

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And tonight Defense Secretary Johnson turned down a suggestion to end free medical care for the families of men in the armed forces.. (an estimated one million wives and children.) The Budget Bureau had suggested that this be done because military salaries were recently increased. Mr. Johnson has named a committee to "review" the problem.

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The State Department also says it will permit the Nationalists to buy arms in this country..with their own money.. anytime. An export (LICENSE) [redacted] was recently denied an American company because the STATE DEPARTMENT [redacted] didn't know it was acting for the Chinese government.

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The Hungarian government now admits it is holding Isreal Jacobson, an American Jewish Welfare worker, who was arrested a week ago. He was arrested on "suspicion of spying against the Hungarian state."

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[redacted] RECORD(RUNS 5 MIN) Begins:"Go to work because I want to hear Bob Dixon tonight."

RETURN CUE: "...and you know what we'll say to each other the first thing when we get up in the morning. We will say Merry Xmas everybody, won't we ? I will say Merry Xmas."

Rounds of laughter - applause

And to all of you, from all of us, that's what we say tonight: Merry Xmas everybody.

Jerry Jerman -
John Ann -
George Conway -
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(Now here is Bob Dixon x)

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The President, home for Christmas, in Independence, Missouri tonight, has informed Pope Pius that this nation "gladly re-dedicates its efforts to the creation of a peaceful and advancing world order." And the Pope has replied with a message praising the American people "who courageously strive to find and follow the road leading to a peaceful future for mankind." From Vatican City, the Pope today—on the eve of the 25th Roman Catholic holy year — urged the world to make the new year a turning point for peace...warned against "vain utopias" and "totalitarian rule"... said neither will solve mankind's crisis.

In this country a good snow cover is stretching across the middle section...from Utah and Montana east to parts of Illinois and Indiana. The weathermen predict it will reach Ohio tomorrow morning...reach into New York by tomorrow night, Christmas eve.

The veterans administration says it has made complete plans to entertain the 98-thousand service men still in government hospitals all over the country. Local townspeople and the patients themselves have helped prepare for the holiday.

And tonight Defense Secretary Johnson turned down a suggestion to end free medical care for the families of men in the armed forces...(an estimated one million wives and children). The Budget Bureau had suggested that this be done because military salaries were recently increased. Mr Johnson has named a committee to "review" the problem.

The Census Bureau says the national death rate this year has been the lowest in our history...and as of November first, there were more than 150-million people in this country.

The government tonight gave the nation's railroads first call on coal supplies...(said some of them are running low.) The mine workers...who are on a three-day week...later issued a statement saying: coal is not scarce...Big Business and Big Railroads are trying to convice the government an emergency exists..."to forward their own ends."

The city of Cleveland went through a second day without bus or trolley service...But Mayor Burke and his Transit Board have ordered the striking A.F. of L. workers to go back to work tomorrow ...promised police protection to drivers. The mayor promises to call out the national guard to run

the city-owned busses and trolleys if the strike isn't over by Tuesday. He says: "There will be no John L. Lewis in Cleveland, as long as I am the mayor." City officials predict the strike will end tonight or tomorrow morning.

In St. Louis CIO union leaders have agreed to a ten-day postponement of a strike by communication workers, in six southwestern states. The communication workers have agreed to let the six governors try to mediate their dispute with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The State Department today warned that any American ship captain, who takes his ship into Shanghai, will have his license suspended or revoked. The Chinese Nationalists are now blockading Communist-held Shanghai. The warning was directed specifically to the skipper of an Isbrandtsen Line ship. This company is the only American one that has continued doing business at Shanghai.

The State Department also says it will permit the Nationalists to buy arms in this country with their own money...anytime. An export license was recently denied an American company because the state department didn't know it was acting for the Chinese government.

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The Arab News Agency says King Abdullah of Jordan has vowed to fight to the death against the United Nations decision to internationalize Jerusalem. The Israeli government also refuses to abide by the U.N. decision.

The French national assembly tonight will take a vote of confidence on the government's budget and proposed new taxes.

In Washington, the Atomic Energy Commission has Russian documents to show that Soviet scientists had mastered the basic theoretical secrets of the atomic bomb nine years ago...(before we started our bomb project.)

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C O M M E R C I A L

MURROW: Well Bob, quite frequently we may not agree with the thought expressed in the Word for Today. But this one is in the Christmas spirit. I doubt if anyone will argue with the gentleman who wrote: "The one person nobody minds having read over one's shoulder is Santa Claus."

Good night, Merry Christmas, and Good Luck!

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CASEY: Go to work, because I want to hear Bob Dixon tonite.

MURROW: I got the point. So we went our separate ways - I to work and Casey to shop. But before getting down to the dirty work, a short talk with Santa Claus at Altman's wouldn't take much time and certainly couldn't do much harm.

S.C.: Casey, how are you? Oh, I'm so glad you came up here to see your old Santa Claus. I just know you've been a good boy, haven't you? And now, Casey, tell Santa what you'd like to have for Christmas.

CASEY: All right. I'd like to have a top down (?) ... no, I'd like a electric train.

S.C.: Electric train.

CASEY: I'd like some red lights and green lights.

S.C.: Yes, the crossing lights, the railroad crossing lights. Well, that's fine, Casey.

CASEY: Be very sure to bring ... bring ... bring all the little children all over the world some toys.

S.C.: Why, thank you, Casey. That's a lovely, lovely thought.

CASEY: Good-bye, Santa Claus!

S.C.: Bye-bye, son.

MURROW: Well, what was the use putting it off? It had to be done. So might as well get it over with.

SALES: What would you like to look for first? Do you have a list of Christmas presents to buy?

CASEY: Yes. I don't know what Mummy would like.

SALES: How about some cologne? Some perfume?

CASEY: Yes.

SALES: All right. See if your mother would like this.

CASEY: I think it smells all right. Well, I think I'd like the smell.

SALES: One of the prettier bottles?

CASEY: This.

SALES: Which one? All right.

CASEY: I think that smells pretty good too. It's hard to make up my mind.

SALES: How much would you like to spend for that?

CASEY: Well, I have quite a lot of money.

SALES: You do?

CASEY: Um-hm.

SALES: Well, that's one dollar. Do you suppose you have that much?

CASEY: Well, I don't know. I guess I'd have to look.

SALES: Uh-huh. I think you have just enough for that, for your Mommy's present. We'll have to save some for your Daddy's too.

CASEY: Well, I wonder what Daddy would like.

SALES: I don't know. Do you suppose he'd like a scarf?

CASEY: Well, maybe so. I think he would.

SALES: How about a key chain?

CASEY: Well, maybe. I guess he'd like that too. I'd like to see those things. Christmas shopping is sure ... is certainly a job. I'm glad I only have to do it once a year.

SALES: I can understand how you feel, Casey. This is a scarf for your Daddy. Do you ...

CASEY: How much are they?

SALES: Well, the scarf is $2.00 and the tie is $1.00.

CASEY: Well, I don't know whether I have that much.

SALES: Well, supposing we just buy one thing, then, Casey. We'll let the scarf go until next year. Casey, how about your girlffiend? Would you like a present for your girlfriend?

CASEY: I haven't got any girlfriend.

SALES: You haven't?

CASEY: Uh-huh. But I'm looking around.

SALES: How about your teacher, Casey?

CASEY: Well, I don't ... I think we'd better look for something for Miss Frieda. Have you got a nice, fancy apple for the teacher at Christmas?

SALES: We don't have any right here, Casey, but I think I can find you one.

CASEY: Could you wrap it up in a nice big box?

SALES: Yes, I'll put a pretty ribbon on it, and you can put in a card from yourself.

CASEY: Well, I can't write.

SALES: Oh well, then I'll help you. All right?

CASEY: Um-hmm.

SALES: And will you tell me where they're to go?

CASEY: My name is Casey Murrow.

SALES: All right. So then the perfume is going to Mrs. Murrow.

CASEY: And the tie is going to Daddy.

SALES: Mr. Murrow. And how about the address? What is the address?

CASEY: East 74th Street.

SALES: Okay. Well, we have all of that down.

CASEY: How ... how ... how much is this all going to come to?

SALES: This is going to come to $4.00, Casey.

CASEY: I don't think I have that much money.

SALES: Well ...

CASEY: I have a good idea. Let's charge it to my Mommy.

SALES: All right, Casey.

CASEY: Thank you very much for helping me.

SALES: Goodbye!

CASEY: G'bye!

MURROW: It was getting late. Mustn't miss that Bob Dixon show with Ed Murrow. There was a taxi, and in he went. The traffic was heavy. The cab moved slowly. Casey settled back in his seat and spoke for many of us when he turned to his mother and said:

CASEY: I'm certainly glad it's over. What a day!

MURROW: Just before bedtime I had a little talk with Casey. Listen! What'll happen in the morning when we come downstairs?

CASEY: We'll open all the presents.

MURROW: And the toys will all be there.

CASEY: Yes.

MURROW: And we'll have a big time, won't we?

CASEY: Yes, sir!

MURROW: Yes, sir! And do you know what we'll say to each other, the first thing when we get up in the morning? We'll say: Merry Christmas,Everybody, won't we?

CASEY: We'll say: Merry Christmas.

MURROW: That was a partial record of Casey's shopping expedition. And I suppose all we can do is echo his final sentiments and say: Merry Christmas to everybody, from all of us who work on this program - Jesse Zousmer, Johnny Aaron, George Connery, the various newsmen around the network and abroad who help us put this program together.

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This is the news:

Most Americans took it easy today. The President, at home in Independence, presented his Jackson County with a statue of Andrew Jackson. Then, inside the courthouse, he watched the unveiling of a picture of himself..said he learned government administration when he was presiding judge of the county.. said there's no difference between his work there, and his work as President except his present JOB is on a bigger scale.

Here in New York today it was announced that Professor Albert Einstein has come up with a new theory..that could be very IMPORTANT. Its called: "a generalized theory of gravitation"... But Professor Einstein has let it be known he hasn't worked it out yet in experiments.. because of mathematical difficulties. His Associates say no more can be said about it "because the work is too new, and as yet no one but Einstein understands the work."

The Yugoslav's TODAY reported some progress in the economic field.. which I'd like to review in a minute.

In Washington, leaders of the A.F. of L. sent their affiliated unions a message saying they are going to seek "substantial" wage increases next year.. think this can be done without a general increase in prices, if employers dip into their profits and trim production costs. The A.F. of L. also wants a reduction of many taxes paid by consumers.

House Republican leader Martin, wants Congress to eliminate excise taxes, on luxury goods, without ~~making~~ increasing other taxes to make up for the money the government would lose from excise taxes. He says a tax increase next year might throw the nation into "an economic tail spin which would cost millions of workers their jobs."

~~The Government Payroll~~

The Civil Service Commission reports tonight that for the first time in seven and a half years, the government is employing fewer than two million persons.

In Cleveland, on this fifth day of a strike by A.F of L. transit workers, the city-owned Transit System has asked a common pleas court to restrain the strikers from preventing men from going

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back to work. The court has the request under advisement. Mayor Burke has promised to get "some sort of transportation" rolling by tomorrow.

The Press Associations report that more than 300 persons have been killed in traffic accidents since Friday night.

In London today, Professor Arnold Toynbee, author of "A Study of History," predicts that the cold war with Russia will continue at least until the year (TWENTY) hundred without becoming a shooting war. He says the battlefield of the prolonged cold war will be Asia.. because Communism is contained in Europe.

Tomorrow the (UNITED) States of Indonesia comes into being.. after more than 300 years of Dutch Rule. The Indonesians have deployed troops to take care of any trouble caused by Communists.

The Russians say 12 Japanese army officers have pleaded guilty, in Siberia, to charges of developing germ warfare during the last war.

And the Congress of the Dominican Republic, today gave its President, Raphel Trujillo, the right to declare war against any

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neighboring nation that he knows is aiding enemies of his country. In a speech thanking Congress for this power, Trujillo attacked Cuba, Guatemala and Costa Rica. He said he'd never use his new powers for "an act of aggression".. only for defense.

In Jerusalem today, the Isreali Parliament met in the Jewish Agency Building. And it was announced that Premier Ben-Gurion has now moved his entire office--documents and personnel.. to the city the U.N. has voted to internationalize.

Marshal Tito's "Window on the West" is getting bigger and bigger. His trade and commercial relations with this country and Britain continue to increase. The economic blockade of Yugoslavia, started by Russia and the satellite countries eighteen months ago, has caused Yugoslavia to look around for new buyers and new customers. / Today, after nine months of negotiation, the Yugoslavs announced that they had made the biggest and best deal yet made with a western country. / It's with Britain, and it provides for trade in the amount of something like six hundred million dollars over the next five years. This trade deal provides that Britain will get metals - chiefly lead and copper - plus timber and corn from Yugoslavia; while the Yugoslavs will receive wool, chemicals, rubber and machinery from Great Britain. In addition, the British will provide certain short-term credits, described as being of a "substantial nature". This deal makes Great Britain Yugoslavia's biggest commercial partner.

The Yugoslav Parliament met today, with Marshal Tito looking on, and received more good news. The Finance Minister told them that Yugoslavia has not only balanced her budget this year, but ended up with a net surplus of five hundred and twenty million dollars. Next year's budget calls for

more money to be spent on the Army than was spent this year. The Yugoslav Finance Minister said that his country had received twenty million dollars in foreign loans, but that it was purely a "business matter" and will not influence his country's policy; in short, an assurance that Yugoslavia remains communist, and a claim that Tito's government can stand the pressure of the Cominform blockade - which it seems to be doing both politically and economically.

Edward R. Murrow: December 26, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

Well that's most of the news on this day after Christmas. At about this time when another year prepares to go over the hill, we Americans have a curious custom of issuing awards, citations, and long lists of things that have happened during the preceding twelve months. Never having engaged in this particular form of mental gymnastics, we thought it might be fun to try. Our nominations - some serious and some not so serious - would go something like this:

For the most overworked, tired word of the year - (which might well be retired) - "Unity."

The broadcaster who has consistently talked as much, or more sense than anyone else on the radio, - Elmer Davis.

The "friends" of the year - Harry Truman and Ike Eisenhower. The most tolerant radio critic - my own Father; who has never suggested that it's downright dishonest for a grown man to make his living this way; but who, I am sure, feels that there is something not quite right about getting paid for just talking, particularly when the talk is often no better than what he used to hear around a crossroads store in North Carolina. Long before there was any Radio

Our nomination for the ~~job with the~~ least secure job is that of Premier of France. 4 - in last year -

The mystery of the year - "how much would the Brannan Farm Plan cost, and what is it?"

Our 1949 award for patience and fortitude goes to Judge Harold Medina.

After considerable research we concluded that the biggest, most sweeping and comprehensive phrase of the year, was produced by the satellite statesman who wrote: "Stalin is everything". The phrase that withered fastest was that one about "incredible mismanagement" as applied to the Atomic Energy Commission.

We are suggesting a small medallion for United Nations delegates, carrying the slogan: "You're another". - with "Warmongen" on the reverse side.

For the indiscriminate use of adjectives in reporting, we are prepared to defend ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ our selection, of the published accounts of the Rita Haywarth-Aly Khan wedding.

The most surprised animals of the year were undoubtedly the cattle and sheep in the West, who looked up and saw those bales of hay come tumbling out of aircraft, during the heavy storms last January.

As for the pilot of the year, it was a boy who flew the Berlin airlift - any one of them.

Our credentials for selecting the billiard player of the year are doubtful, but for various reasons we choose Mon Walgren.

We thought it would be appropriate to select a question of the year, and finally settled on this one: "Where is the money coming from?" #

Our nomination for the outstanding judicial question is this: "Is Bigness bad? and if so, why?"

The symbolic object of 1949 was in our opinion the deep-freeze. #

And for proving that "it pays to advertise", we would give a joint award to Benton and Bowles.

The best "conducted tour" of the year, perhaps of the decade, was undoubtedly that of the Shah of Iran this winter.

In the matter of writing books - especially those written by people who can say, "I used to be a reporter myself" - our prize goes to Winston Churchill.

In another category - and as you will note, we don't pay much attention to categories - we are preparing a special plaque for our telephone operators here at C.B.S., praising them for their "patience and courtesy." In yet another category, which has nothing to do with either patience or courtesy, we would nominate Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, as the hardest working Senator in Washington, or Ohio.

Being without competence in the field of music, we do not venture a

selection, but confine ourselves to the hope, that in the year to come, "The Red-Nosed Reindeer" does not get hitched up with the mules by mistake.—

Honorable mention, at least, in the category of the "most valuable man of the year" should go to the engineers on this network, if they should ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ because ~~xxxxxxxx~~ fall asleep during one of these discourses we would be in trouble.

Now if Fred Vichert, our control room engineer, is still with us, perhaps he would be good enough to open the microphone of our favorite announcer, Sheriff Bob Dixon.

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Well Bob, someone once described an economist as the man who tells you what to do with your money after you've done something else with it. If you were fortunate enough this Christmas to have received money as a gift, you might keep in mind that United States Saving Bonds represent as good an investment as you can make. And when you buy Bonds you're furthering not only your own security but the security of your country as well.

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Here in New York, the rain of the past 24 hours has BROUGHT us at least a "four-day supply of water"..

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gable arrived in Honolulu today for their honeymoon. More than ten thousand persons greeted them. Clark Gable said he had a message for the world. He shouted: "If anyone is in love, and wants to honeymoon, this is it."

This information comes from the Veterans' Administration, and it is shocking. Fifty-two thousand veterans are mental patients in Veterans' Administration hospitals. One-third of them have not been visited by members of their family, or friends, in a year or more. In some cases families have refused to accept veterans back into the home, even after they have recovered. The Administration's statement says there are men in hospitals who are mentally and physically capable of returning to normal life, and in some cases earning a living - if they could return to their homes and families.

Edward R. Murrow: December 27, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

The map of the world is becoming very eloquent evidence of what is happening outside the communist-controlled areas. Today the seventh new and independent nation was created since the end of the war - the United States of Indonesia. The age-old yearning of men to be free from foreign domination had earlier been satisfied in the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Israel. Today in a simple ceremony in Amsterdam and Batavia the transfer of sovereignty was completed - three hundred and forty-seven years of Dutch rule ended; seventy-seven million Indonesians received their independence. It came after four-and-a-half years of guerilla warfare, first against the British and then against the Dutch.

This new nation consists of a chain of islands reaching nearly three thousand miles between the Pacific and Indian oceans, an area about three times the size of Texas. It includes Java, Dutch Borneo, Bali, Sumatra, and many smaller islands. The Republic of Indonesia is a country of vast wealth, actual and potential - minerals, spices, tea, tin, coffee, rubber, tobacco, rice and cocoa. It was the richest prize taken by the Japanese in the last war.

Today's transfer of authority occurred without incident. It was, indeed,

"a victory for the orderly process of conciliation and mediation." It was in a real sense a triumph for the United Nations. And it was an agreement concluded in the shadow of very considerable pressure by this country upon the government of the Netherlands.

The new government was recognized today by India, Australia, Burma, Canada and South Africa. The State Department says we will recognize it within twenty-four hours.

The capital of this new nation will be at Batavia, but its name will be changed to Jacarta, which means "Important City". The Republic of Indonesia has its own flag, Cabinet, constitution and army - and its own problems. When Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed the documents in Amsterdam today she said: "Immeasurable is the satisfaction of a nation to find its liberty realized, however immense the burden shouldered by the young nation." While the Indonesian Minister of Defence made indirect reference to the strong communist minority, when he said: "Indonesia today faces a new era, and possibly many difficulties."

Today's speeches by both the Dutch and the Indonesians were conciliatory. The Dutch will sponsor the new nation for membership in the

United Nations; but the Russians have promised in advance that they will veto the application.

Colonialism was one of the casualties of the last war, and where it remains it is one of the most fertile fields for communist agitation and propaganda, (as in Indo-China and North Africa.) It is to be expected that many people believe that colonialism died before the colonial peoples were ready for self-government. That was certainly true in Holland. But the desire for change, the demand for freedom is widespread among all those who used to be called subject peoples. We in this country, or rather our ancestors, pioneered this business of colonial revolution, and we have taken a calculated risk in supporting it in Indonesia.

If these new governments such as Indonesia, India and Pakistan show a certain reluctance, as they do, to align themselves with us in the great struggle with Russia, we may deplore their lack of vision; but we should at the same time remember our own early history, when we wanted no part of foreign entanglements or power politics of the day. Indonesia would be as rich a prize for Russian communism as it was for Japanese imperialism. But the action taken today will cut some of the ground from under the communist agitation in South-east Asia. And in parts of the

Russian empire where freedom was once familiar. ~~and~~ it may well cause brave men to continue to pursue it.

The Dutch have promised to get their troops out by next July; and the Indonesians have promised to protect Dutch private property in the Islands.

No one can predict the future of this new nation, for like other small nations, that will be largely determined by what the big ones do. But it is possible to conclude that this is a sane solution, in a world where such solutions have become at least remarkable.

Now here is Bob Dixon for Franco American

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Well Bob, the Indonesian struggle for independence was led by and revolved around a relatively few number of men; that seems always to be the case. The Englishman John Stuart Mill wrote a lot about freedom and liberty, and he put a lot of wisdom into this sentence: "One person with a belief is a social power equal to ninety-nine who have only interests."

Goodnight and Good Luck!

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Edward R. Murrow: December 29, 1949. 7.45 p.m.

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SCHOENBRUN: In terms of real power they've lost a lot, Ed. ~~Two years ago, when the Marshall Plan started, there was good reason to fear that the communists could wreck the program. They tried twice - in the winter of '47, and again in '48 - and the[illegible] such [illegible]~~ There is no longer any immediate danger of a communist seizure of power in France.

MURROW: You seemed to stress that word immediate, David, does that mean you think the communists are still a future threat in France?

SCHOENBRUN: Yes, I do - and there's plenty of evidence. Only two weeks ago the communists won two provincial bye-elections. They've shown voting strength in every local contest this year. If general elections were held in France today, I think the communists could get close to twenty percent of the vote - and that's what's been

SCHOENBRUN: happening in the past four years - one out of five frenchmen have consistently xxx voted communist.

MURROW: Well, just why are the communists so strong in France? After all, France is a highly individualistic country, the birthplace of the Rights of Man, and a strong land-owning peasant and middle class.

SCHOENBRUN: That's all true, Ed; but at the same time France is the birthplace of communism. In fact, some fifty years before Karl Marx the first communist government in the world was set up in Paris: the commune of 1793. Frenchmen are intellectual as well as individualistic, and have a strong revolutionary tradition. In fact, they always say about themselves that a Frenchman wears his pocketbook on the right and his heart on the left.

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SCHOENBRUN: About the same as the communists - one out of five voters, roughly. No immediate chance to come to power - but a strong potential threat. If a crisis breaks out, and there seems to be a choice between communism and gaullism, most of France would vote for a man on horseback. [At this point I'd say that de Gaulle - and the extreme right is general - is more of a threat to French democracy than the communists are.]

MURROW: How does French democracy look now - any healthier? any recovery?

SCHOENBRUN: Politically pretty sick. The Government is in trouble again. Another vote of confidence is schedule for tomorrow morning. French Congressmen are refusing to approve new taxes for the 1950 Government. You know, the French themselves admit that a Frenchman will die for his country, but he won't pay for it.

MURROW: How are they doing economically, industrially?

SCHOENBRUN: Remarkably, Ed. One American economist in Paris told me just before I flew home two days ago, to tell you that there's been a miracle a day in France - that things are so good that only a Frenchman could spoil them. In the last eight weeks France has changed from a debtor nation to a creditor nation in world trade. The dollar gap is still wide of course, but France has a favorable trade balance with the rest of the world.

MURROW: How much of that is due to Marshall aid, ~~David?~~ And by the way, just how much about the Marshall Plan does the average Frenchman know?

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MURROW: And do the French people know that?

SCHOENBRUN: Well apparently most of them don't seem to know about it, Ed; or are not prepared to say so unconditionally. Last month the E.C.A. people - our American officials in Paris - got a look at a public opinion poll on the Marshall Plan that a New York research analyst came over to do for them.

MURROW: Look bad, David?

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BURDETT: irrigated and developed as well as divided.* And this costs money. ~~[illegible]~~ The land reform scheme now being considered would cost Italy at least half-a-billion liras, or about a third of her annual budget. Italy does not have the capital, and the tragedy of it is that no one knows where she is going to find the capital to carry out the most modest program of land reform in her poorer southern provinces.

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Moreover, the Cominform itself has often shown annoyance and contempt for the poor performance of the Italian Communists.

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MURROW: What about the Marshall Plan? How much do the people know about it?

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MURROW: How important is land reform in Italy?

BURDETT: It is all important, Ed...for the simple reason that the landless peasants are the most miserable social class in Italy. It's a strange fact, but true, that the Communists have a more solid following in some of Italy's rural red belts than in the great industrial centers. There has to be a land reform, to divide up some of Italy's great feudal estates, but it is not a reform that can be carried out overnight, or in a year or even in five years. Handing out barren land among poor peasants who do not have the means to improve it would not do any good. The land has to be irrigated and developed as well as divided. And this costs money. The land reform scheme now being considered would cost Italy at least half-a-billion liras, or about a third of her annual budget. Italy does not have the capital, and the tragedy of it is that no one knows where she is going to find the capital to carry out the most modest program of land reform in her poorer southern provinces.

About this time of year it's customary to sum up the developments of the past twelve months... and maybe draw a conclusion or two...We tried...but the job was too big...after an exhaustive survey of the record, it seemed to us that the year went something like this.....

E. R. MURROW - 12/30/49

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The Congress made no important moves today..awaiting the President's state of the Union message tomorrow. But House Speaker Rayburn, who conferred in the White House with other congressional leaders, says he aims to revise the whole federal tax structure.. later in the session.. "one package"..so that if excise taxes are cut, the money will be made up some place else. Republican Leader Martin is going to appoint a party committee to keep a "price tag" on everything Congress does.

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In both houses today there was considerable off-the-floor discussion about where, IF ANY PLACE, we're going in China. For one thing, the State Department now acknowledges that two weeks ago it received a request from the Nationalists ON FORMOSA for military and economic help and advisors. [redacted]. But the State Department refuses TO comment on a dispatch from Tokyo that says our policy is to forget Formosa. A United Press dispatch from Tokyo says State has told its ~~attaches~~ Representatives abroad: ~~that~~ they should make it clear Formosa has no strategic importance.. this should be ~~made clear~~ EXPLAINED "particularly in the United States"..we must erase the false impression that we will lose prestige if the Communists take the island. Republican Senator Knowland of California asked the Department for a copy of this memorandum. He was told the Department is "reserving judgement".. it's still classified.

The Communist radio says we've already signed an agreement to supply military help to Formosa. There is no confirmation.

I'd like to discuss the value of Formosa in a few minutes.

The State Department today ordered the Hungarian government to close its only two consulates in this country: in Cleveland and New York. This is being done because our diplomats have not yet been given permission to see Robert Vogeler, the American

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businessman who was arrested on November 18th.

The President today set-up a temporary Water Resources Policy Commission..to study what to do to conserve water. One of the commission members is Leland Olds. (The Senate refused to confirm his re-appointment as a federal power commissioner.)

A federal grand jury in Washington today indicted John Maragon, a former friend of General Vaughn, the White House aide. Maragon is accused of telling four lies to a Senate committee investigating five per centers. He is charged with lying about his financial affairs and business with the government.

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The Republican National Committee reported today that it ran into the red for a half million dollars last year. The Democrats added about that much to their bank account.

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Fifteen thousand ILLINOIS coal miners failed to show up for work today.

[redacted] The district President, who said he doesn't know why, they didnt turn up - told them to go back to work next Monday. And the Interstate Commerce Commission tomorrow may order a 25 per cent cutback in coal burning passenger train service.

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Dick Button, the world and Olympic figure skating champaion has been named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy.. the nation's outstanding amateur athlete of the year.

In Berlin, U.S. High Commissioner McCloy has invited the Germans to make an honest offer to hold free elections for all Germany.

And early returns from Egypt's election show the Wafdist party..the "outs".. running ahead. Its primarily a contest of political leaders..no party promised any major changes.

Edward R. Murrow: January 3, 1950 7.45 p.m.

We are going to be hearing a lot about Formosa in the next few weeks. It's an island lying about a hundred miles off the China coast, (roughly twice the size of the State of New Jersey.) The population is around six-and-a-half million, (including about a hundred and fifty thousand aborigines in the mountains of the interior.) The principal crops are rice, sugar cane, tea, jute and sweet potatoes. The island is fairly rich in mineral resources, and got its name originally from Spanish navigators, who were impressed with the scenic beauty of the island. It is now practically the last refuge of Chiang-Kai-Shek's Nationalist Government. Former President Hoover, Senator Taft, Senator Knowland and others are agitating for American aid to preserve the island "as a wall against communism." It now contains a very considerable quantity of American armor and weapons. But there is no evidence that the Chinese troops there are any more willing to fight; or that there is less graft and corruption than there was on the Chinese mainland.

No one is in a position to say with authority, that the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa would be willing to accept the advice and guidance of American experts, which they consistently refused on the mainland.

Active American military intervention could certainly prevent the occupation of the island by the Chinese Communists. However, there is

disagreement as to the strategic importance of Formosa. There are those who maintain that if it should become a Communist base, it might render Okinawa and the Philippines untenable. That of course couldn't happen until the Russians had more strategic air power and naval power than they now have.

The thought of using Formosa as a staging area for eventual land action against China does not make sense to most military observers. It had been widely believed that both the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the State Department had written the island off. The current campaign could conceivably produce a reconsideration of that decision. There is still available about 75-million dollars, already appropriated, which could be used to support the Nationalist Government on Formosa. However, most experts on Asiatic affairs seem to agree that open and direct American intervention would have an unfortunate if not disastrous effect on feeling throughout Asia. It would be regarded as an act of imperialism. It would strain our relations with those governments who are trying to contain the spread of communism on the ground - India, the French in Indo-China, the Indonesians and the rest.

American bases on Formosa would give us ports and airfields; a divided and turbulent population which the Nationalist Government might not be able

to control. And it would confer upon us no obvious advantage in containing the spread of communism in Asia.

The Russian effort to contain, indeed destroy Yugoslavia got another setback today. Six barge-loads of iron pyrites reached the German Danube port of Regensburg; they made the long trip on the Danube through Hungarian, Czech and Austrian territory. It was the first journey of its kind the Communist country since the end of the war. Those barges will take back German steel from the Ruhr to Belgrade. This new trade route was used with the agreement and encouragement of the State Department, and it's the third piece of American-Yugoslav co-operation in the last two weeks. The others were the Civil Aviation agreement, and our decision to sell airplane engines to Tito. During that same period the Yugoslavs concluded their biggest trade deal with Britain. #

Today, after long delay, four Indian tribes in the State of Oregon concluded a big deal with Uncle Sam. They were awarded better than sixteen-and-a-half million dollars for land taken from them, by the United States Government, back in 1855. The land was finally paid for at the rate of a dollar and twenty cents an acre, plus reasonable interest from 1855 to date.

And Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa said tonight that a lot of us are

engaging in fraud and deception of the highest order. The Senator says "~~the~~ a Scientific Opinion survey, conducted with the latest improved techniques, shows that four out of five persons who serve or use yellow oleo-margarine admit they call it 'butter' at the table." The Bill to repeal federal tax on oleo-margarine comes up in the Senate tomorrow. If it's passed Senator Gillette says: "The Senate will become a party to this fraud and deception". The Senator from Iowa thinks this question of fraud at the dinner table is something the individual States and not the Federal Government should pass on.

This reporter is neutral on the matter of oleo-margarine and butter; but milk in cream pitchers, little spring onions that are called scallions, meat loaf that ought to be called hash - these are areas of deception that should not be tolerated. Now ~~XXXXX~~ Sheriff Bob Dixon - all two hundred and forty pounds of him - is the least fraudulent and deceptive of men.....

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The Congress made no important moves today..awaiting the President's state of the Union message tomorrow. But House Speaker Rayburn, who conferred in the White House with other congressional leaders, says he aims to revise the whole federal tax structure..later in the session..."one package"...so that if excise taxes are cut, the money will be made up some place else. Republican Leader Martin is going to appoint a party committee to keep a "price tag" on everything Congress does.

In both Houses today there was considerable off-the-floor discussion about where, if any place, we're going in China. For one thing, the State Department now acknowledges that two weeks ago it received a request from the Nationalists on Formosa for military and economic help and advisers. But the State Department refuses to comment on a dispatch from Tokyo that says our policy is to forget Formosa. A United Press dispatch from Tokyo says State has told its representatives abroad they should make it clear Formosa has no strategic importance..this should be explained "particularly in the United States"..we must erase the false impression that we will lose prestige if the Communists take the island. Republican Senator Knowland of California asked the Department for a copy of this memorandum. He was told the Department is "reserving judgment"... it's still classified.

The Communist radio says we've already signed an agreement to supply military help to Formosa.

There is no confirmation. I'd like to discuss the value of Formosa in a few minutes.

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The President today set up a temporary Water Resources Policy Commission..to study what to do to conserve water. One of the commission members is Leland Olds. The Senate refused to confirm his re-appointment as a Federal Power Commissioner.

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And early returns from Egypt's election show the Wafdist Party...the "outs"...running ahead. It's primarily a contest of political leaders...no party promised any major changes.

We are going to be hearing a lot about Formosa in the next few weeks. It's an island lying about a hundred miles off the China coast, roughly twice the size of the State of New Jersey. The population is around six and a half million, including about a hundred and fifty thousand aborigines in the mountains of the interior. The principal crops are rice, sugar cane, tea, jute and sweet potatoes. The island is fairly rich in mineral resources, and got its name originally from Spanish navigators who were impressed with the scenic beauty of the island. It is now practically the last refuge of Chiang-Kai-Shek's Nationalist Government. Former President Hoover, Senator Taft, Senator Knowland and others are agitating for American aid to preserve the island "as a wall against communism." It now contains a very considerable quantity of American armor and weapons. But there is no evidence that the Chinese troops there are any more willing to fight; or that there is less graft and corruption than there was on the Chinese mainland.

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Active American Military intervention could certainly prevent the occupation of the island by the Chinese Communists. However, there is disagreement as to the strategic importance of Formosa. There are those who maintain that if it should become a Communist base, it might render Okinawa and the Philippines untenable. That, of course, couldn't happen until the Russians had more strategic air power and naval power than they now have.

The thought of using Formosa as a staging area for eventual land action against China does not make sense to most military observers. It had been widely believed that both the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the State Department had written the island off. The current ~~lunghm~~ campaign could

conceivably produce a reconsideration of that decision. There is still available about 75 million dollars, already appropriated, which could be used to support the Nationalist Government on Formosa. However, most experts on Asiatic affairs seem to agree that open and direct American intervention would have an unfortunate if not disastrous effect on feeling throughout Asia. It would be regarded as an act of imperialism. It would strain our relations with those governments who are trying to contain the spread of communism on the ground - India, theFrench Indo-China, the Indonesians and the rest.

American bases on Formosa would give us ports and airfields; a divided and turbulent population which the Nationalist Government might not be able to control. And it would confer upon us no obvious advantage in containing the spread of communism in Asia.

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Today, after long delay, four Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, concluded a big deal with Uncle Sam. They were awarded better than sixteen and a half million dollars for land taken from them by the United States Government back in 1855. The land was finally paid for at the rate of a dollar and twenty cents an acre, plus reasonable interest from 1855 to date.

And Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa said tonight that a lot of us are engaging x in fraud and deception of the highest order. The Senator says "a Scientific Opinion survey, conducted with the latest improved techniques, shows that four out of five persons, who serve or use yellow ~~XXX~~ oleomargarine, admit they call it "butter" at the table." The Bill to repeal federal tax on

oleomargarine comes up in the Senate tomorrow. If it's passed Senator Gillette says: "The Senate will become a party to this fraud and deception". The Senator from Iowa thinks this question of fraud at the dinner table is something the individual States and not the Federal Government should pass on.

This reporter is neutral on the matter of oleomargarine and butter; but milk in cream pitchers, little spring onions that are called scallions, meat loap that ought to be called hash - these are areas of deception that should not be tolerated. Now Sheriff Bob Dixon - all two hundred and forty pounds of him - is the least fraudulent and deceptive of men.....

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Later, Secretary of State Acheson, at another news conference, tried to explain this.. SAID THE [redacted] statement was made [redacted]. to help clear up confusion. In a few minutes I'd like to review the Secretary's remarks and point out some remaining areas of confusion.

Some Republicans in Congress. [redacted]. jumped on the Formosa statement. Senators Knowland, Wherry, Ferguson, Taft think its: "appeasement of aggression.. kicks the bi-partisan foreign policy out the window.. abject surrender to the Communists.. inconsistent with our over-all policy." And Senator Vandenbergh says: he regrets

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Chairman McMahon of the Atomic Energy Committee, today reported "distinct progress" in the atomic talks with Britain and Canada. He refused to confirm a report, that the British have agreed to let us make all the bombs, if we give them some for emergency use. But the Senator did say it may be necessary to change the atomic law as a result of the three-power talks.

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Mr. Acheson was asked: "May we assume that this decision had the concurrence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff?" And he replied: "It's safe to make that assumption." Asked about differences between himself and Secretary of Defence Johnson, Mr. Acheson replied: "Regarding the principal elements (of the Formosa) decision, there were no differences; but different degrees of weight were attached to some military, and some political matters." What did Mr. Acheson think of the suggestion that an independent co-ordinator be appointed for military and political affairs in the Far East? "There is such an official" he answered, "specified by the Constitution - the President."

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Murrow: January 5, 1950. WORD FOR TODAY

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Edward R. Murrow: January 9, 1950 7.45 p.m.

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In general the plans for next year call for less spending for veterans, international affairs and agriculture; increased spending for national defense, welfare, housing, education and research.

Probably one of the best ways of measuring what's happened to us as a nation during the past ten years, is to examine how the face of the Budget has changed in that time. In 1939 we were spending eight dollars per person for defense; today we are spending eighty-five dollars per person. In 1939 it cost us fifteen cents per person to handle our international affairs; it now costs us forty-two dollars. Ten years ago we were each being taxed four dollars for services to veterans; that figure is now forty-four dollars. Back in 1939 the interest on the National Debt came to seven dollars per person; it is now thirty-eight dollars.

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In Washington, a number of Senators are still not satisfied with our plan.. or lack of plans.. for the Far East. Senator Vandenbergh says he doesn't feel Congress has ~~adequate~~ (ADEQUATE) information on why we're staying out of Formosa.. thinks the Defense Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff could give Congress "pertinent and indispensable" information. Senator Taft told the Senate today: a "left-wing" group in the State Department wants to get rid of Chiang Kai Shek... He Believes that if we made it clear that the Communists would not be permitted to invade Formosa, they wouldn't invade Formosa. Democrats are charging Republicans with playing politics with foreign affairs. Republicans are saying that's not true. They're trying to do what's best for the nation. Secretary of State Acheson held a long private meeting with

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This Congress that is now sitting in Washington is probably the best-travelled Congress in our history. When the last session ended, Senators and Representatives seemed to take off in all directions. About a hundred and twenty Representatives and thirty Senators went abroad. They were investigating and observing all the way from Alaska to Israel; presumably some of them worked and some didn't. Some were trained observers, and some were not. But it is a fact that about a hundred and fifty members of Congress can now stand up and inform their colleagues that they "were there"; they know from personal observation - and that's what many of them are doing. These are the men and women who hold the purse strings; will make the laws, and vote the appropriations. And, in the course of debate, the man who was there always has a certain advantage over the man who wasn't there.

We were particularly interested in those Senators and Representatives who went to Germany, and who were there long enough to have reached conclusions. So we undertook an unofficial and unscientific survey of the ~~twenty~~ thirty-seven Representatives and ten Senators who spent considerable time in Germany during the recess. They represent a fair cross-section of the

country geographically, and are about evenly divided as between Republicans and Democrats. [redacted] Three-quarters of those polled have answered our questions. The first one was: Do you think Western Germany must be re-armed if Europe is to be defended? Seventeen said, "No", Germany should not be re-armed; ten said "Yes" she should be. Several of these answers were qualified in the sense that they said "only under proper safeguards"; or "only if the Russians re-arm Eastern Germany." However, it is significant that only eleven of the twenty-seven said unreservedly and without qualification that Germany should not be re-armed.

Our second question was: Has our Military Government in Germany done a good job? To that one all twenty-seven Senators and Representatives replied "Yes". Only three of them had slight qualifications, and those were in the nature of saying: "Not perfect, but remarkably good". One or two mentioned that the Army is handicapped by inexperienced personnel and high turn-over. With these mild qualifications all twenty-seven give a unanimous vote of confidence to our military administration in Germany..... think it's doing a good job.

Our third question was this: From your observations, would you say that Naziism is dead in Germany? The answers to that one indicate that many of our legislators found out what's going on, because twenty-three of them said, "No, Naziism is not dead". Only three said it was. One felt that he hadn't been there long enough to form an opinion. Here the overwhelming majority of Senators and Congressmen who were in Germany agree with the American correspondents who are stationed there - which reflects credit upon the legislators or the correspondents, maybe both.

The final question in our little survey, which was answered by the twenty-seven who had been in Germany, was this: Would you say the Marshall Plan is succesful? All twenty-seven said "Yes" it was. One thought some of the money was being wasted; another thought the plan had reached fifty percent of its original objective; while four thought that future appropriations for the Marshall Plan should be cut.

Congressman John Blatnik, from Minnesota, who knew Europe and its languages before and during the war, came back with one loud and valid complaint: tax evasion in the upper brackets all over the Continent. Trieste, a rich city by European standards, where only fifteen persons filed income tax returns last year; Milan, the big industrial city in

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Our thanks to the Senators and Representatives who answered the questions. On the basis of the answers you couldn't tell a Republican from a Democrat - they appeared to have left their Party politics at the water's edge.

Do you know any answers Bob ——

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KALE: I would say that is nationwide.

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DIXON: (C O M M E R C I A L)

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Edward R. Murrow: January 23, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

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Mr. Truman didn't mention reduction in taxes on tobacco, theater tickets, automobiles, refrigerators, radios, ~~[illegible]~~ and MANY other things - just gave a list of those items where he thought reductions were "most urgently" needed. He made it clear that unless Congress finds a way of making up the revenue lost through sales tax reductions, he'll veto the Bill. In the vernacular, he's willing to lose a little on the pretzels if he can make it up on the beer.

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The Washington reaction to these proposals is pretty well along Party lines. The Republicans didn't like the tax message; while many Democrats did. Although Sam Rayburn, Democratic Speaker of the House, from Texas, says he's against changing the law on depletion allowances for the mining and oil industries. (That's the law under which the oil man made five million without paying any taxes.) There's a lot of oil in Texas.

Most of the Chairmen of the money committees in both Houses are up for re-election this year; and the political climate in Washington looks like no REALLY substantial change in the financial weather. *

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Whats for Dinner Bob?

Murrow: January 23, 1950. WORD FOR TODAY.

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Last year Mr. Truman wanted an extra four billion dollars in tax money; wanted it to come from corporations, increased estate and gift taxes, and from an increase in the personal income tax rates in the middle and upper brackets. He didn't get it. This year, as befits an election year, his request is more moderate. Today's message on taxes says he wants to keep expenses down, encourage and stimulate business, and make a number of changes in the tax laws which will produce some new money and at the same time make the tax system fairer all around. He wants to reduce certain excise or sales taxes. He says cuts are urgently needed on freight, railroad, bus, plane and ship tickets; also on long distance phone and telegraph bills, toilet preparations, luggage and handbags - the entire group of retail excises. Most of these taxes...indeed most federal sales taxes...were wartime measures designed to keep people from buying consumer goods.

Mr. Truman didn't mention reduction in taxes on tobacco, theatre tickets, automobiles, refrigerators, radios and many other things...just gave a list of those items where he thought reductions were "most urgently" needed. He made it clear that unless Congress finds a way of making up the revenue lost through sales tax reductions, he'll veto the Bill. In the vernacular, he's willing to lose a little on the pretzels if he can make it up on the beer.

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Another thing the President doesn't like are the capital gains deals. Hex mentioned how some folks in Hollywood have attempted to avoid taxes by creating temporary corporations, which are dissolved after making one picture. Thus the individuals involved pay only a twenty-five percent tax on the profits, rather than the seventy-five percent, or more, they would pay if they took their gain in straight income.

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There are also some minor suggestions aimed at stimulating American investments abroad.

The Washington reaction to these proposals is pretty well along Party lines. The Republicans didn't like the tax message; while many Democrats did. Although Sam Rayburn, Democratic Speaker of the House, from Texas, says he's against changing the law on depletion allowances for the

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What's for dinner, Bob?————

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Alger Hiss thanked Judge Goddard for the opportunity to deny the charges against him, and he said: "I am confident, that in the future, the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers was able to carry out forgery by typewriter, will be disclosed." Mr. Hiss remains free , under ten thousand dollars bail, pending his appeal.

This afternoon the drama moved to Washington, to Secretary of State Acheson's press conference. The question was: "Mr. Secretary, have you any comment on the Alger Hiss case?" / Mr. Acheson replied in these words: "Mr. Hiss's case is before the courts, and I think it would be highly improper for me to discuss the legal aspects of the case, or the evidence, or anything to do with the case. / I take it the purpose of your question was to bring something other than that out of me." And then Mr. Acheson said: "I should like to make it clear to you, that whatever the outcome of any appeal which Mr. Hiss, or his lawyers may take in this case, I do not intend to turn my back on Alger Hiss. I think every person who has known Alger Hiss, or has served with him at any time, has upon his conscience the very serious task of deciding what his attitude is, and what his conduct should be. That must be done by each person, in the light of his own standards, and his own principles. For me," said Mr. Acheson, "there is very little doubt about those standards or those principles. I think they were stated for us a very long time ago. They were stated on the Mount of Olives; and if you are interested in seeing them you will find them in the twenty-fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, xx beginning at Verse 34."

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In [redacted] Congress today, some Republicans and some southern Democrats took turns criticizing Secretary of State Acheson for his statement yesterday... "I do not intend to turn my back on Alger Hiss." Senator Ferguson of Michigan says if some Democrats on the Appropriations Committee go along with HIM [redacted], they can investigate what he calls "subversive activities " in the State Department. And Representative Nixon of California charges that President Truman and the late President Roosevelt both failed to act on "CONCRETE [redacted] evidence" of espionage.. says both "rendered a grave disservice to the people of the nation." Mr. Nixon says General Groves warned Mr. Roosevelt in 1944--before Yalta--that the Russians wanted OUR [redacted] atomic secrets. And Mr. Nixon says that in 1945, President Truman was informed that Igor Gouzenko, the code clerk who broke the Canadian spy case, passed on information TO US that the Russians had an agent in the office of the late [redacted] Secretary of State Stettinius. Representative Nixon says that agent was Alger Hiss. Mr. Nixon also produced today more pumpkin papers.. taken from Whittaker Chambers farm. He says government experts identify the handwriting ON THEM as that of the late Harry Dexter White, the former assistant secretary of the treasury. Before he died, Mr. White denied espionage charges made by Chambers.

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He called the attacks on him, really attacks on the late President Roosevelt...and on the Democratic party.

The joint congressional atomic energy committee has called an URGENT meeting for tomorrow. Senator Vandenbergh resigned from the committee today.. he is ill.. and he'll be replaced by Senator Bricker of Ohio. Chairman McMahon told the Senate today its regretabble that Senator Vandenbergh is leaving the committee "at a time when a very weighty, grave matter " is coming before it.."when wise consideration is so important" to the people of the whole world.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee met for three hours today WITH Defense Secretary Johnson and General Bradley. Chairman Connally says the two men said: the joint chiefs of staff believe that Formosa, in enemy hands, would be strategically signifanct to us. But they do

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[redacted] greater NOW, than [redacted] at any time during the war. Mr. Hoover also favors a law forbidding the interstate transportation of slot machines; thinks this would help crack "the nest egg of the criminal underworld." The testimony also revealed that if the case against the Eleven communist leaders is upheld by the Supreme Court.. and if the [redacted] Justice Department gets money to hire more lawyers..it is ready to prosecute "roughly 12-thousand Communist cases."/There are no details on these 12-thousand cases.

At the Coplon-Gubitchev trial here in New York, attorneys for both defendents told the jury THEIR CLIENTS [redacted] were frustrated lovers. Miss Coplon's attorney says she was "framed" by her superiors.

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In Britain, the Liberal Party..third largest in the country.. has turned down Winston Churchill's personal appeal to team up with the Conservatives against Labor. The Liberals say: "Liberals and Conservatives are as different as chalk is from cheese... "The people of Britain do not need to jump into the fire (the Conservatives) to escape the frying pan (the present Labor government.)

Edward R. Murrow: January 26, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

In this flow of fast moving news

~~While we're concerned about internal security, what we did or didn't do to help the Russians in the last war, and what we're prepared to do to them if the next war comes~~ - Let's don't forget that there is some unfinished business left over from the last war. We were going to punish war criminals. Some were executed. Others in Germany have been under death sentence for more than two years, and have not been executed. There is the case of an S.S. Lieutenant-General Oswald Pohl. He was in complete charge of the construction and administration of all concentration camps - on the same level in the hierarchy as Hangman Heidrich. His only superior was Himmler. He is the man who directed the demolition of the Warsaw Ghetto - (the most complete destruction of a modern city since Carthage.) General Pohl headed the organization that collected the gold teeth, watches ~~and~~ clothing, and other personal belongings, of those who were exterminated in the concentration camps. He has been under sentence of death for more than two years, but has not been executed.

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When asked by the court why he killed the children too, he said "They would grow up and be the children of parents who had been killed. They would constitute a danger to Germany."

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These two men, and others, condemned at Nuremberg, sought to bring their case before the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court refused to consider the cases. Another convicted war criminal took his case through the lower courts in the District of Columbia, and finally reached the Supreme Court, where it was thrown out in a seven to one decision. This ended any possibility of an appeal to an American Court from the International Tribunal. That last effort failed about two months ago, but the sentences against Ohlendorf, Pohl and fourteen others have not been carried out.

Michael Musmanno, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania, was one of the judges at both trials. He tells us that the evidence of guilt was overwhelming at both trials, and that so far as he is aware no new evidence has turned up. We are reliably informed that Mr. John McCloy, our High Commissioner in Germany, will make a decision regarding these convicted mass murderers "some time soon."

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All of us ~~We~~ are interested in justice. It seems possible only to conclude ~~in~~ - in the case of Pohl, Ohlendorf and the fourteen others - that retribution is limping in its pursuit of men who committed crimes ~~beyond~~ of a magnitude unparalleled in modern history. / The fact that they happened in a distant land, that the victims were Russians, does not mean that no crime was committed; nor does it mean that time, or changing political constellations, can relieve us of the responsibility we undertook, in pretty solemn language, to see that justice is done.

Now, my friend Bob Dixon -

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Mr. Truman was asked at his news conference today if he will or will not turn his back on Alger Hiss? Angry, Mr. Truman said: no comment.. and then, that's (NOT) a "nice" question. When another reporter tried to get some information on what the President thinks of the Hiss decision, Mr. Truman said there was no point in asking.. such questions are not asked with good intentions.. he doesn't INTEND to answer them.

~~Again today Republican Representative Nixon called on the President to make public the loyalty records of Alger Hiss and others whom he described as "the personable young men in Whittaker Chambers's spy ring."~~

WHITTAKER Chambers says there's nothing new in the pumpkin papers Representative Nixon produced in the House yesterday. He says "the government has all the papers I had and knows all that I know." Mr. Chambers says he thinks he'll go on farming his 313-acre Maryland farm.. "can't imagine himself on a magazine again."

New York's Senator Lehman suggested tonight that the government's loyalty program needs to be changed. For one thing he wants to safeguard people against "police state methods." For another, he thinks that in addition to Communists, government workers should be dismissed for being fascists.. (and for racial or religious prejudice.) [redacted]

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The Commodity Credit Corporation, which handled this whole operation, is trying to get back a few dollars, by offering some of this stuff for export. Dried eggs, for which it paid a dollar and thirty cents a pound, can be bought for forty cents a pound. And that Mexican canned meat and gravy which cost thirty cents a pound, is now going for half that. Altogether, eleven government-owned agricultural products are being offered for export at cut rates.

A footnote to this brief report on potatoes and farm surpluses: Today two Pennsylvania Congressmen said they were going to the White House, if necessary, in an effort to get some food. They said that a survey, by two unions, showed that there were sixty-two thousand persons, without adequate food rations, in a single Pennsylvania county.

Air Secretary Stewart Symington used some very blunt and sombre language today in a speech at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Mr. Symington himself called it "a bleak picture". He said that the Russians, who have reiterated that America must be destroyed, now have a ground army greater in numbers, than the combined armies of the United States and its Allies. The Russians have an Air Force, whose strength in nearly all categories is now the largest in the world, and growing relatively larger month by month. And they have the world's largest submarine fleet, and are carrying out an intensive submarine development and construction program. (Incidentally, our Navy says Russia has more than two hundred and seventy submarines, while we have two hundred and twelve in active operation; but by July First we will have only seventy in commission.) That will give Russia a margin of two hundred submarines.

Secretary Symington continued in marked contrast to some of the recent optimistic statements that have been made by Secretary of Defense Johnson, by saying: "Here are three facts which every American should know because this is the world in which we live: one, behind the Iron Curtain there has been an atomic explosion; two, behind that

Curtain is the air equipment, capable of delivering a surprise atomic attack against any part of the United States; three, we have no sure defence against such an attack."

Mr. Symington said: "The gravity of this situation is multiplied many times by our knowledge of achievements being made by Russian scientists in the field of atomic energy." He suggested that those who are critical of an unbalanced budget are guilty of ignoring the grim realities of the world in which we live. He said that our re-armament program represented some "slight expense" to our standard of living, and he implied that further sacrifices might be required.

Mr. Symington's speech at Waco did indeed paint a "bleak picture". But a painter must paint the scene as he sees it; and Secretary Symington has a better position from which to view it than most of us.

Now my friend, Bob Dixon.

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Well, Bob, Secretary Brannan went up to the Hill to have a session with the Senate Agriculture Committee about what to do with all these potatoes. They told him that was his problem. I suppose we could say he had a conference with the Committee. Will Rogers once said: "a conference is just an admission that you want someone to join you in your troubles."

Goodnight and good luck.

Feb. 2, 1950

This is the news:

Senator McMahon proposes a 50-billion-dollar economic aid plan to all the world. In return HE WANTS US TO get a strict international control plan for atomic energy. The alternative, he says, is war. (I'd like to discuss the Senator's proposal in a few minutes.)

Another senator..Douglas of Illinois..told his colleagues today that unless the United Nations can be made more effective..unless a way is found to get around the veto, and organize a U.N. police force.. the Communists may drive southward from China into southeast Asia.. may touch off "a final bloody struggle" between the United States and Russia.

Both the Chinese Nationalists--on Formosa-- and the Russian-recognized Indo-China government, tell us that Chinese troops are now fighting in Indo-China, or on the border with China. The Nationalists announce officially that Communist troops from China have gone into Indo-China to help the Ho Chi-Minh government. We've had this report twice in the past from the Nationalist news agency. The French

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The Navy is paying more attention to the Pacific, Chief of naval operations Admiral Sherman..in Tokyo with the joint chiefs of staff..says the Russians have from 60 to 70 submarines in the western Pacific. Because of that, we're going to keep our Far Eastern fleet at maximum strength. We now have one carrier, the Boxer, in the western Pacific.. another may be sent. [redacted] The Navy is also sending an additional escort carrier to join Pacific fleet forces operating off our West Coast.

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In Washington ~~today~~ the two-day old soft coal negotiations HAVE broken up. The northern and western operators say the union insists on controlling coal production.. insists on retaining the "willing and able" clause in a new contract. John L. Lewis says the operators want the government to step in.. want to reduce the miners to servility. After today's meeting the northern and western operators said they're willing to accept the President's proposal: that the mines open Monday for 70 days..on a five-day week..while a fact finding board determines ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ "a fair and equitable settlement." Mr. Lewis says he'll tell the President what he thinks by Saturday. The President made it clear today that if the union turns him down he'll use the injunction clause of the Taft-Hartley act.

In Congress, representatives of both parties from Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia, say they're going to introduce a bill to get government surplus foods to hungry mining families.

Federal Mediator Ching wants a "step-up in the tempo" of negotiations to avoid a nation-wide ~~[illegible]~~ telephone strike next Wednesday.

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The Executive Council of the A.F. of L. wants an immediate repeal of wartime excise taxes. (says they're strangling business and employment.)

In London, Prime Minister Atlee charged tonight that Winston Churchill is an unreconstructed "hard core" tory.. who "has not really applied his mind to current economic problems of peacetime."

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Edward R. Murrow: February 2, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

Senator Brian McMahon of Connecticut has spent months worrying, wondering, and wrestling with the problem of the super bomb. He is Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on atomic energy - has spent much time listening to scientists, military men, and has travelled frequently to the White House. Today he made a speech on the floor of the Senate, to a small, solemn group of his colleagues, none of whom read newspapers or wrote letters home, while the Senator from Connecticut spoke. What he proposed was new; certainly it was bold; and to me there were overtones of desperation in what he had to say. He said: "It is my intense conviction that our decision - born of necessity - to build the Hydrogen bomb must be accompanied by the immediate initiation of a moral crusade for peace.....Consider what sustained fear does to the individual. It constricts his imagination, paralyzes initiative, even affects his personal morality." Said Senator McMahon: "Let me warn, with all the solemnity at my command, that building Hydrogen bombs does not promise positive security for the United States; it only promises the negative results of averting, for a few months or years, well-nigh certain catastrophe. Russia broke our atomic bomb monopoly sooner than we had expected - she would break any Hydrogen bomb monopoly with equal or greater speed." And the Senator

maintained that, even if we should be able to keep ahead in the armaments race, we would find ourselves more and more compelled to accept and imitate totalitarian practices. We would have to be constantly poised to meet an attack "that might "incinerate" fifty million Americans in a space of minutes" (in short, turn them into ashes).

What is the alternative to this sombre prospect? Brian McMahon wants a moral crusade for peace. And he suggests that we spend ten billion a year for five years. That's about two-thirds of what we are now spending annually on armaments. He would spend it in three ways: on President Truman's Point Four Program, (to give economic aid and technical help to the underdeveloped areas of the world;) he would spend part of it for the world-wide development of peaceful uses for atomic energy; and he would spend the rest for economic aid and help to all countries - including the Soviet Union.

If this were merely an effort by an irresponsible Senator, addicted to irresponsible speech, to "buy" peace for fifty billion dollars, it could be dismissed as too fantastic for comment. But Brian McMahon is a responsible citizen, with unique access to information, who is attempting to start a great national debate. He says that in return for our contribution of ten

billion a year, we would ask for the general acceptance of an effective program for international control of atomic energy. We would ask for an agreement ~~for~~ FROM all countries, enforced through inspection, that two-thirds of their present spending for armaments be devoted toward constructive ends. And we would insist that the administration of the ten billion a year, which we would put up, would be carried out by the United Nations.

Senator McMahon feels that such a proposal, if ~~xxx~~ advanced by our government, would drive home to the peoples of the world the "profundity of our desire for peace" if it did nothing more. Coupled with this proposal the Senator from Connecticut would challenge the Kremlin to make this proposal known to its people; challenge the Russians to permit a meeting of the United Nations in Moscow. He would print millions of leaflets for world-wide circulation, explaining this American proposal for atomic peace. And he would spend more money on the Voice of America - which he termed "The Whisper of America" - (pointing out that we spend over thirty million a year to advertise cosmetics, and only twenty-nine million to sell the precious commodity of freedom.)

Brian McMahon ended in this fashion: "I believe that every morning each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and each high

official of the Executive Branch, should glance at the sun and reflect that what he sees there - millions of miles away - threatens to be re-created on this earth, in our own cities - in Washington, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. This is a time for soul-searching, for nation-wide and world-wide debate, and for the launching and maintaining of that moral crusade for peace, which alone can save us, and lead mankind along the righteous paths of security, abundance and liberty."

Senator McMahon, under certain conditions, would gamble fifty billion against the fifty million humans who might be "incinerated in a matter of minutes". He does not appear too confident that the Russians would accept the proposal. But he is convinced that we would derive a great moral and propaganda dividend from it, even ~~they~~ though they should refuse.

Today in the House of Representatives, Arthur Winstead of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Mississippi proposed a Constitutional amendment. Under this resolution the President could order the Governor of each State to make temporary appointments to the Senate and House whenever a majority of seats in either House is "vacant."

The people behind the Iron Curtain have not yet been informed of Mr. Truman's decision regarding the Hydrogen bomb. But today the Vatican

newspaper, Observatore Romano, took editorial note of the state of the world in the light of the armaments race. It says: "The world is faced with an absolute failure of a philosophy of a way of life of a pseudo-civilization." The Vatican Newspaper ~~It~~ despairs of both diplomacy and politics, and states: "We are plunged into a vortex for which human provision is powerless. And the mind wavers, like when the consciousness has been clouded. We have reached the chaos of the inhuman."

This is not joyous reporting. But in this lull between football and baseball seasons we must deal with the facts and opinions at hand.

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Well Bob, I think these lines were written by Walter Lippman: "Whatever our sympathies and opinions happen to be, we must not pull the bedcovers over our heads, hoping that if we do not hear too much about the ideological conflict, it will somehow subside."

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details of the party statement in a few minutes.

Federal Mediation Chief Ching tonight called for a 16-day delay in the strike the C.I.O. telephone workers have threatened for Wednesday. The union is polling its national officers. [redacted]

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COMMERCIAL

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Federal Mediation Chief Ching tonight called for a 16 day delay in the strike the C.I.O. telephone workers have threatened for Wednesday. The union is polling its national officers.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer says 990 thousand persons lost their jobs in January. We now have almost four and a half million unemployed in this country --(highest number since the war. Mr. Sawyer says its due to bad weather...the holidays...a normal mid-winter lull in trade and outdoor work.

Here are the day's developments in the case of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, arrested by the British last Friday...charged with giving atomic secrets to Russia. F.B.I. Chief Hoover testified in secret before the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee for two hours. Chairman McMahon then said: there is no doubt Fuchs had wide information on both the hydrogen and atomic projects...

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GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK!

Feb 7

This is the news:

The [redacted]-coal fact-finders are at work. interviewing government officials, scheduling meetings with miners and operators, collecting the facts they must present to the President on Monday. The 3-man board hopes to finish its fact-collecting Thursday.. write its report between then and Monday. The miners are still staying a way from the pits. The coal shortage grows in certain areas: railroads are laying off more men, some steel mills have shut down a few of their furnaces. Governor Stevenson of Illinois has ordered four state teachers colleges to close.. ordered them TO SEND THEIR COAL [redacted] to state hospitals, reformatories, and prisons. Railroads are seizing coal "in traffic". They can do this under an Interstate Commerce Commission order giving them first priority from their "customary sources of supply." The railroads pay the invoice price to the proper coal owners.

The telephone strike is off for at least 16 days. Both the C.I.O. Communication Workers AND the American Telephone and Telegraph Company have accepted [redacted] Mediation Director Ching's suggestion. He hopes they'll reach an agreement before the new strike date.

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was told today: the first shipments of military aid for western Europe will start leaving American ports early next month. Chairman Connally says the program is making "tremendous progress." The Senator also says that Marshal Plan Administrator Hoffman has indicated a willingness to lower his figures on what the Marshal plan countries need for the next fiscal year. Its budgeted for a little more than 3-billion. Today, the west European countries said that's about what they need for next year.. they want from 4-point-7 to 5-billion for the next two years of the plan. At the half-way mark we've spent eight and a quarter billion. The Europeans report that the plan has been "unreservedly successful" so far.

And today the President got a report of success on the Truman doctrine.. (aid to Greece and Turkey) Ambassador to Greece Grady told the President: Greece has vindicated the doctrine.. Greece is over the hump militarily and politically "and well on its way over, in an economic sense." The Ambassador says of the 35-thousand guerrillas in Greece a year ago, there are only some 600 left.

Against these reported "successes", the United States and its allies

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have l[redacted] the cold war [redacted]e in recent weeks. (I'd like to explore this phase of operations in a few minutes.)

Today we, and the British, recognized the French-supported Viet-Nam states. The Russians recognized the[redacted] Communist regime there eight days ago.

The Chinese have asked Congress for continued aid.. for help against the Communists. And at the United Nations, the Chinese asked the Little Assembly for U.N. air and naval observers.. to watch for a possible Russian attempt to help the Chinese Communists invade Formosa. They also asked for " a simple moral judgement" against Russia. Dr. Tsiang the chief delegate said: "That's the least the United Nations can do."

Another member of the Atomic Energy Commission resigned today: Lewis L. Strauss wants to return to his private interests.. says the "issues" he favored and recommended have now been decided. The President has praised his service. Mr. Strauss was one of the original five members of the commission. When he leaves in the middle of April.. after Chairman Lilienthal leaves next week.. only Sumner Pike will be left of the original five.

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F.B.I. Chief Hoover testified before a Senate appropriations committee today. Some members say he said that Dr. Klaus Fuchs had regular contacts with Russian agents in this country and in Britain.. that he received cash in return for atomic secrets. The Canadian government says Fuchs was not implicated in its 1946 spy case.

The Treasury has asked Congress to tax profits which charitable and educational groups and labor unions make on "sidelines" businesses... "not incident or related to the exempt purpose" of the organizations.

The government now OWNS some 100-million dollars worth of SURPLUS eggs --- doesn't know what to do with them. But more eggs will be bought under the farm price support program in March. One official says :"The hens are laying their fool heads off." Only three years ago we were being asked to observe "eggless Thursdays."

Congress has sent the White House a bill that would give Sister Kenny of Australia, the privilege of entering or leaving this country at any time, without the usual passport or immigration papers. A Congressional official says this is the broadest measure of its kind Congress has ever approved for any individual.

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The President has also received a bill to let Victor Kravchenko stay in this country permanently. He's the former Russian purchasing commission official who wrote the book "I Chose Freedom." ——

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In the cold shadow of Hydrogen bombs - with the sound of ever more belligerent language in our ears - it is difficult to discern the central theme of events, on this minor planet. (Even the heat generated by the Bergmann-Rossellini story does not serve to illumine the scene.) Dire predictions of things to come; startling revelations of past disloyalty, serve to distract us from the calm consideration of the evidence that accumulates day by day, week by week.

It is now evident that the Soviet Union has undertaken within the last few weeks political warfare on a world-wide and unprecedented scale. They have practically paralyzed the United Nations by their boycott of any sessions where the Chinese Nationalists are represented; (that in itself isn't so serious, because the United Nations, as presently constituted, wasn't going anywhere in particular anyway.

The Russian recognition of Ho Chi Minh, in Indo-China was a shrewd blow. It ranges them on the side of yellow men, in a war in Asia, that has been principally a war between white men and yellow men. It means an added drain on the financial and military resources of France, which in turn means inevitably more French demands for American aid. It means that the French cannot recognize the Chinese communist regime of Mao Tse Tung. The British

have done so. The Chinese Communists have treated the British with great tenderness; have treated us with persistent rudeness - to the point where we couldn't recognize them if we wanted to. This means that the Western powers can have no common effective policy in Asia. It has also served to increase the friction between this country and Great Britain.

In urging the trial of Emperor Hirohito, the Russians will have created, in some degree, a favorable climate for themselves amongst the people of Asia who suffered under Japanese occupation.

? On the other side of the world the Bulgarians ask us to withdraw our Minister; while in the corridor leading to Berlin ~~they~~ the Russians turn the traffic on and off with all the apparent irresponsibility of a small child playing with a faucet.

Unceasingly the Russians play upon the fear that American aid will diminish or disappear. (And the temporary failure of Congress to vote funds for Southern Korea reinforces their argument.)

Mr. McCloy, our High Commissioner in Germany, finds it necessary to warn against a revival of Naziism, which the Russians have long contended was taking place.

We announce our willingness to restore full diplomatic relations with

Franco's Spain. And whatever we as individuals may think of that move, no serious observer can doubt that it will have a divisive effect on Western Europe. We cannot attach political significance to diplomatic recognition in one part of the world, and deny its existence in another part of the world.

All around the edges of their vast empire the Russians are probing strong fingers out through the Iron Curtain. It is true that they have their own troubles, as in Yugoslavia. And it is also true that there appears to be the collision of interests between Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. But it is undeniable, I think, that the Russians at present have the initiative in this worldwide conflict.

Our announcement regarding the Hydrogen bomb did not alter that situation, for the myth of monopoly has been destroyed. The Western Powers are arming themselves as best they can; but the question arises as to whether the resources of diplomacy and statesmanship have been exhausted. Our Government shows no sign of taking the initiative in this area. The British Labour Government has rejected proposals that a new approach be made to the Soviet Union. The French Government is incapable of sustained or independent action. The Western Alliance appears to be on dead center, moving neither forward nor back. And in this situation the coming British elections takes on added

importance. Today the British Liberal Party, which occupies the narrow middle ground between Socialists and Conservatives, came out in favor of outlawing all atomic weapons. This proposal is probably not sufficiently realistic to create great controversy in Britain; but it may bring the matter of foreign policy to the fore in that political campaign. Last night Anthony Eden - who will be Foreign Secretary again, if the Conservatives win - promised a restoration of the fundamentals of friendship between nations, "whatever their political color." Mr. Winston Churchill is attempting to win that Election. With the people of Britain his ~~standing~~ stature in the field of foreign affairs is more than life-size, because he has so often been right - just as he has so often been wrong, or indifferent, about domestic affairs. Almost two years ago he urged that affairs be brought to a conclusion with the Soviet Union, without delay. If he should come forth with a proposal to try again, it would be unlikely to cost him votes. A bold and spectacular proposal to make a final effort at a solution which would relieve Britain of the perpetual prospect of becoming an island of radio-active mud, might produce enough votes to make Mr. Churchill again the King's First Minister.

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Well Bob, these lines by the late Reverend Peter Marshall, ~~farxkhax~~ for many years the wise and witty Chaplain of the Senate, would seem to be appropriate. He said: "Let us not be content to wait, and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen. While time is running out, save us from patience, which is akin to cowardice. Give us the courage to be either hot or cold, to stand for something, lest we fall for anything."

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Feb 8

This is the news:

Secretary Acheson said today: we can't do business with the Russians, now. The only thing they respect is strength. In an unusual news conference the secretary AGAIN explained [redacted] our foreign policy. I'd like to review his comments in a few minutes. #

The soft coal negotiations are on again. The miners are still striking. But today, the President's fact-finders succeeded in getting union and operators to sit down and talk things over..for four hours. They've taken time out for dinner now.. go back at it in a half hour. No one (IS) willing to guess in public, on what was accomplished this afternoon. The new conferences started after John L. Lewis called George Love, operators spokesman, a "liar by the clock" [redacted] Mr. Love quoted Mr. Lewis as having said he has the nation's 400-thousand miners "in the palm of his hand." That brought Lewis' denial. The operators make it clear they're still not willing to give up any of their demands. Mr. Lewis' pre-conference statement was: we start with no conditions, (STIPULATIONS) [redacted] or qualifications.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered new cuts in coal-burning railroad traffic: a 25 per cent cut for freight..50 per cent

for passenger traffic. And the C.I.O. Steelworkers executive committee has sent the miners a half million dollars.. called on individual steelworkers to give what they can.. to assist needy miners and their families.

Last week the government started distributing some of its surplus potatoes to needy miners' families.. [redacted]. Today it decided to give-away the dried eggs and skimmed milk its been buying for the past two years to support farm prices. Anyone who'll pay transportation and handling costs can have what he wants.. that is, needy families, the Indian Bureau, school lunch program sponsors. These eggs and milk cost the government about 115-million dollars. There's a danger they'll spoil. So the government will give away: enough eggs to go around 14 times for every man, woman and child in the country.. enough milk to supply five (QUARTS) for everyone.

Former Supreme Court Justice Roberts and Atomic Scientist Urey asked Congress today for a convention of the Atlantic powers.. to start a federal union.. "before it's too late." And to a Senate committee and reporters, Dr. Urey said: he predicts a Russian move, this year, to alienate the Atlantic pact nations from us.. possibly the mining of

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their harbors with atomic bombs...He says we must do something about the possibility of a tramp steamer bringing an A bomb into one of our harbors.. feels certain a way will be found to deliver the Hydrogen bomb to our enemies by airplane... says if the H bomb "is developed to maximum efficiency, there will be "no place to hide."

The Navy has sent one of its two -engined Neptune bombers on a 5-thousand mile trip from a carrier off the Florida coast to San Fransisco, [redacted] to prove to us that carrier planes can carry atomic bombs within a radius of 25-hundred miles.

In the Yukon, an air force pilot says all twelve men aboard a search plane that went down yesterday have been found.. alive. The search plane [redacted] crashed while looking for the C-54 that's been lost since January 26.. with 44 persons aboard.

In the Russian zone of Germany today a new Gestapo, a new Hitler Jugend came into being.. different names of course. But the East German "People's chamber" unanimously approved a new secret police force "for defensive espionage." And it approved a law organizing 3-million youths into what's called "The Free German Youth".. if you

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don't join you can't play certain sports.. go on organized picnics, attend certain schools.

The Communist youths threaten to send a half million of their members into Western Berlin on May 28th..take it over. Today West Berlin's Mayor Reuter said there will be no such putsch.. his government is ready and able to defend itself..without American tanks. American Commandant Maxwell Taylor doesn't think the East Germans will try to take Berlin by storm..says our forces can maintain order if things get too big for the west German police.

Two American Mormon missionaries have been arrested by Czech police.. no Americans have been allowed to see them.

This is the 52nd day that Communist Leader Mao-Tze-Tung has been "negotiating" with the Russians in Moscow.

The Army said today that 146 soldiers--no sailors and no marines--were executed during the war under court martial sentences. # In war crimes trials we executed 120 Japanese.. 282 Germans and other Europeans.

The President has named William Webster, a New England utilities executive, to be chairman of the important Research and Development

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Board. He's an Annapolis graduate..has held [redacted] a number of civilian jobs in the government in connection with defense, atomic and research programs.

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In San Fransisco, Harry Bridges swore at his perjury trial that he was never a Communist.. never signed an application card.. never paid dues to the party.

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The suggestions by Senator Brian McMahon, Senator Tydings, [redacted] and many others - suggestions that we make another effort to reach agreement, to stop the bomb juggling with Russia - produced a response today. It came from Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and it was very blunt. What Mr. Acheson had to say was in essence this: "You can't do business with the Russians." It is useless, to argue with them. They respect and understand nothing but force. He rejected all suggestions for renewed negotiations; rejected also any possible change in our plan for the international control of atomic energy - (a plan which was proposed when we thought we had a monopoly.) Said Mr. Acheson: "The nature of the Moscow Government is quite incompatible with the accomplishment of peace and world freedom." Mr. Acheson thinks that it has become impossible to make peace with the Soviet Union; and the only way to get on with them, is to create "situations" which the Russians are forced to accept. To illustrate the success of this policy Mr. Acheson pointed to Greece, Turkey, and the strengthening of Western Germany - among other things.

Mr. Acheson believes that Russia is "highly realistic," and can adjust herself to facts. It is our basic policy to create situations so strong they can be "recognized" by the Russians. Mr. Acheson says the Russians are

committed to fishing in troubled waters. They will do that wherever weakness exists. Comparing Russia to a river, the Secretary of State said: "You can't argue with a river; it is going to flow. You can dam it up; you can put it to useful purpose; you can deflect it. But you can't argue with it."

Mr. Acheson sees no early end to the ~~long~~ Cold war. The road ahead is long and difficult. It means, he says, that we must be "even more calm and steady, because the consequences of failure are even more terrible than before." Mr. Acheson thinks those that are advocating another try at agreement are confusing ~~mixing~~ ultimate aims with proper procedures. He prefers to rely upon force, the creation of strength in threatened areas. Mr. Acheson thinks it's all right for us to engage in self-examination or self-criticism, but we ought to be careful that it doesn't get to the point where it becomes self-reproach.

So far as any ultimate solution is concerned, Mr. Acheson had this to say: "When the time comes that the Russian people can examine themselves and criticize themselves, and examine the course of their government - then we will be very much closer to these two goals that were discussed in the Senate". (By which he meant any arms reduction agreement with the Russians.)

As I read Mr. Acheson's statement, he is saying: It may be possible to make peace with the Russians when they have altered their philosophy, changed their form of government, and abandoned their current ideology. Until that happens it is futile to negotiate, debate or argue with them. We must confront them with strength, with the ever-present threat of force, wherever they threaten to erupt. If that is a fair summary of his contention and his policy, and if the warnings of the relative increase in Russia's striking power - (uttered the other day by Air Secretary Symington) - are accurate, then only one conclusion is possible for anyone who can read a map. We would be well advised in addition to being "cool & steady" to acquire ourselves more strength than we now have - and that right soon.

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In the Russian zone of Germany today a new Gestapo, a new Hitler Jugend came into being...different names of course. But the East German "People's chamber" unanimously approved a new secret police force "for defensive espionage." And it approved a law organizing 3-million youths into what's called "The Free German Youth"...if you don't join you can't play certain sports..go on organized picnics, attend certain schools.

The Communist youths threaten to send a half million of their members into Western Berlin on May 28th...take it over. Today West Berlin's Mayor Reuter said there will be no such putsch...his government is ready and able to defend itself...without American tanks. American Commandant Maxwell Taylor doesn't think the East Germans will try to take Berlin by storm...says our forces can maintain order, if things get too bif for the west German police.

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This is the 52nd day that Communist Leader Mao Tse Tung has been "Negotiating" with the Russians in Moscow.

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The suggestions by Senator Brian McMahon, Senator Tydings, and many other--suggestions that we make another effort to reach agreement, to stop the bomb juggling with Russia--produced a response today. It came from Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and it was very blunt. What Mr. Acheson had to say was in essence this: "You can't do business with the Russians". It is useless to argue with them. They respect and understand nothing but force. He rejected all suggestions for renewed negotiations; rejected also any possible change in our plan for the international control of atomic energy--a plan which was proposed when we thought we had a monopoly. Said Mr. Acheson: "The nature of the Moscow Government is quite incompatible with the accomplishment of peace and world freedom." Mr. Acheson thinks that it has become impossible to make peace with the Soviet Union; and the only way to get on with them, is to create "situations" which the Russians are forced to accept. To illustrate the success of this policy Mr. Acheson pointed to Greece, Turkey, and the strengthening of Western Germany--among other things.

Mr. Acheson believes that Russia is "highly realistic", and can adjust herself to facts. It is our basic policy to create situations so strong they can be "recognized" by the Russians. Mr. Acheson says the Russians are committed to fishing in troubled waters. They

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Edward R. Murrow: February 10, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

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It was stated at Bow Street that Fuchs explained, in his confession, that he had a split personality - one compartment of his mind interested in science, the other in aiding communism. His confession also states that he broke off

contacts with the Russians about a year ago; that he still believes in communism, but not as it is practised in Russia today. / A British security officer stated that Dr. Fuchs had made a complete confession. He has been held for formal trial at the Old Bailey, at the session beginning February 28th. The maximum sentence, if he is convicted, will be fourteen years in prison.

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This is, of course, the most important and dramatic spy case to reach the public view since the end of the war. / As the story unfolds, a certain basic facts should be borne in mind. Fuchs was violently anti-Nazi; his father in exile; his brother in a concentration camp; his sister committed suicide; he himself was a refugee, from Germany. In those days - 1942 when he received British citizenship - it was widely regarded as being enough just to be anti-Nazi; as now it is regarded, in many circles, as being proof of devotion to democratic principles if one is sufficiently violent in his utterances against the Soviet Union.

Dr. Fuchs is not a Jew; (that will disappoint certain bigots.) His security clearance to come to this country, and to share in highly secret work was given not by a Socialist Government but by a coalition government presided over by Mr. Winston Churchill. So the Socialists can't be blamed. Our authorities accepted the British security check, because at that time British Intelligence regarding the Continent of Europe, and the people who lived there, was superior to ours. The F.B.I. had nothing to do with clearing Fuchs for his top secret job, although that organization was responsible for uncovering him as a Russian agent. The fact that the F.B.I. had no share in the original clearance will be disappointing to those who would like to use this revelation as a club with which to beat the F.B.I.

And finally, Fuchs was a German refugee and not a New Dealer. And that fact removes a weapon from the hands of those who might be tempted to use this incident for partisan political purposes.

On the basis of that part of Dr. Fuchs' confession that has been revealed, certain questions arise. Can this sort of thing happen again; presumably it can. Fuchs was not suspected until fairly recently, and no one has yet devised a method of determining the inner workings of a man's brain with certainty, or of predicting what he will do under certain circumstances.

It is clear that a certain amount of national security can be achieved through secrecy, (through concealment.) But it is also apparent, I think, that real security is possible only through achievement - through the actual production of superior weapons. This involves an attempt to reach a balance between concealment and achievement; and gives point to the question raised by many scientists as to whether too much secrecy may damage productivity.

There is another question that arises out of the Fuchs case - whether we should share top secret information with the British. This is a decision that probably ought to be made on the basis of their record in security matters over the years, and in the light of the knowledge that they are the only substantial and reliable Ally we have.

Our security has been dealt a severe blow by Dr. Fuchs, but the damage cannot be repaired by transatlantic recriminations. about who is Responsible.

How Here is Bob Dixon—

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Rotary Club

Well Bob, this was said by the Archbishop of York in London today: "Unless the deadlock between the Soviet State and her satellites, and the rest of the world, is broken, the race in armaments will continue / each camp spurred on by fear. The strain will become unbearable. Fear, fate, or the impossibility of keeping up in the race, will drive some nation to use its bombs, treacherously and suddenly - in the hope of victory. | The alternatives are clear: destruction or agreement. And to save themselves from destruction the nations must give up some of their national sovereignty."

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Russia and Communist China have signed a treaty of friendship and mutual aid. The Moscow and Peiping radios are now telling us about it./ Moscow says: Russia has promised credits to the Chinese Communists, to buy industrial equipment in Russia. Russian troops in Port Arthur will be withdrawn after a Japanese peace treaty is signed.. or, at the latest, by 1952. Russia will transfer complete ownership of the Manchurian railroad to the Communists in China. This road runs from Changchun to Vladivostok. Under the last

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Russian-Chinese Nationalist friendship treaty (four years old and now declared void) the Russians shared the ownership and administration of the railroad with the Chinese. Moscow says today's treaty, concluded after two months of negotiations, also provides for the Russians to turn over to the Chinese all Japanese property the Russians took over in Manchuria.. [redacted] The Chinese Communist radio adds one note: says Moscow and Peiping agree to prevent the rise of imperialism in Japan.. bind themselves to fight "any new aggression that might be launched by any country [redacted] directly or indirectly in contact with Japan." That c[redacted]y means us.

In Thiland today, American diplomats considered an alliance in Asia against Communism.. and a peace treaty for Japan.

The President today signed a bill providing 80-millions for economic aid to Formosa and Southern Korea.

And Mr. Truman named Sumner T. Pike, [redacted] to be acting chairman of the atomic energy commission. He's one of the original commissioners. Chairman Lilienthal leaves government service tomorrow. Today, after a good-bye call on the President he told

reporters he's going to try to be helpful TO MR. TRUMAN, CALLED HIM "A man who is carrying with optimism and great practical sense, one of the greatest responsibilities ever resting on the shoulders of a President of the United States."

Winston Churchill said in Scotland today that if his Conservatives win the election a week from Thursday he'll try to arrange another Big Three meeting.. in the hope of stopping the atomic race. I'd like to discuss Mr. Churchill's speech in a few minutes.

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The C.I.O. today asked Congress to shift the burden of taxes "from low income individuals to high-profit corporations."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has decided to foreclose a 37 and a half million dollar loan made three years ago to the Lustron Corporation of Columbus, Ohio.. manufacturers of all-steel fabricated houses. An R.F.C. spokesman says Lustron has not paid either interest or principal on the loan.

Search planes are still looking for that B-36, with 17 men aboard, that ditched in the Pacific, north of Seattle, this morning.

FBI Chief Hoover says there's been a "terrifying increase" in sex crimes.. says "an aroused public opinion which will insist on adequate state laws" is necessary to halt them.

The Czech Government says it's holding TWO American Mormon missionaries who tried to enter "a prohibited area." (The men have been missing for two weeks.)

In Rome, Premier De Gasperi and his new government won an overwhelming vote of confidence.

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Word comes from Washington today that the Air Force is about to close the gap. It was created in this fashion. When they adopted that slate blue uniform, the short battle jacket replaced the old blouse. But the pants were engineered on the same lines as before. Now it soon became ~~obvious~~ apparent, that in an active day, there would occur a gap between pants and battle jacket, where the shirt could be observed. This produces an unmilitary ~~appearance~~ appearance. So now the pants are going to be cut longer, or perhaps I should say, higher in the waist - way up to here. That'll close the gap, but it probably means suspenders instead of a belt, because the normal man can't wear a belt way up wherever the pants are going to be. General Hoyt Vandenberg hasn't ordered the wearing of suspenders, but he has informally suggested, or advised it - reached this conclusion through a process which is called "deductive", (according to our informant in the Pentagon.) Unofficial surveys indicate that American men prefer belts to suspenders by a ratio of about sixty to forty. And we are told that the basic engineering principles of suspenders haven't changed for a hundred and fifty years. We know that pessimists wear both suspenders and belt; and we know the answer to the question "Why firemen wear red suspenders." But beyond that, very little except that the gap is to be closed.

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Russia and Communist China have signed a treaty of friendship and mutual aid. The Moscow and Peiping radios are now telling us about it. Moscow says: Russia has promised credits to the Chinese Communists to buy industrial equipment in Russia. Russian troops in Port Arthur will be withdrawn after a Japanese peace treaty is signed...or, at the latest, by 1952. Russia will transfer complete ownership of the Manchurian railroad to the Communists in China. This road runs from Changchun to Vladivostok. Under the last Russian-Chinese Nationalist friendship treaty (four years old and now declared void) the Russians shared the ownership and administration of the railroad with the Chinese. Moscow says today's treaty, concluded after two months of negotiations, also provides for the Russians to turn over to the Chinese all Japanese property the Russians took over in Manchuria. The Chinese Communist radio adds one note: says Moscow and Peiping agree to prevent the rise of imperialism in Japan..bind themselves to fight "any new aggression that might be launched by any country directly or indirectly in contact with Japan." That means us.

In Thailand today, American diplomats considered an alliance in Asia against Communism..and a peace treaty for Japan.

The President today signed a bill providing 80 millions for economic aid to Formosa and Southern Korea.

And Mr. Truman named Sumner T. Pike, to be acting chairman of the atomic energy commission.

He's one of the original commissioners. Chairman Lilienthal leaves government service tomorrow. Today, after a goodbye call on the President he told reporters he's going to try to be helpful to Mr. Truman, called him "A man who is carrying with optimism and great practical sense, one of the greatest responsibilities ever resting on the shoulders of a President of the United States."

Winston Churchill said in Scotland today that if his Conservatives win the election a week from Thursday he'll try to arrange another Big Three meeting...in the hope of stopping the atomic race. I'd like to discuss Mrs Churchill's speech in a few minutes.

Defense Secretary Johnson says our defenses "are sufficient unto the needs of the hour"...have been approved by the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He says he believes that no nation has "the capacity" to attack us.

The C.I.O. today asked Congress to shift the burden of taxes "from low income individuals to high-profit corporations."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has decided to foreclose a 37 and a half million dollar loan made three years ago to the Lustron Corporation of Columbus, Ohio...manufacturers of all-steel fabricated houses. An R.F.C. spokesman says Lustron has not paid either interest or principal on the loan.

Search planes are still looking for that B-36, with 17 men aboard, that ditched in the Pacific, north of Seattle, this morning.

F.B.I. Chief Hoover says there's been a "terrifying increase" in sex crimes...says "an aroused public opinion which will insist on adequate state laws" is necessary to halt them.

The Czech Government says it's holding two American Mormon missionaries who tried to enter "a prohibited area." The men have been missing for two weeks.

In Rome, Premier De Gasperi and his new government won an overwhelming vote of confidence.

The Vatican reports that Pope Pius, who suffered an attack of rheumatism last month, is now

suffering a slight attack of influenza. He'll be 74 in March.

Tonight in Edinburgh, Mr. Winston Churchill said that if the British return him and his Conservative Party to power, he will make another direct high-level effort to reach agreement with Russia. He said he didn't have access to the secret information of the British Government, and he wasn't "fully informed" of the attitude of the United States. But he said: "The idea appeals to me of a supreme effort to bridge the gulf between two worlds, so that each can live their life - if not in friendship, at least without the hatreds of the cold war." Said Mr. Churchill: "You must be careful to mark my words in these matters, because I have not always been proved wrong." And he added: "It is not easy to see how things could be worsened by a parley at the summit, if such a thing were possible."

Both Prime Minister Attlee and Mr. Truman have made it abundantly clear that they see no possibility of success in direct negotiations with Stalin. But Mr. Churchill, if elected, would try again. Tonight in Edinburgh, Mr. Churchill said he thought our superiority in the atom bomb is the surest guarantee of world peace. He belabored Britain's Socialist Government for its failure to produce atom bombs for Britain. He called it "one of the most extraordinary administrative lapses that has ever taken place." He blamed the Socialists for having changed Britain from a world power to a world problem. But the heart of the speech - his strongest bid for a return to power - was in his promise to try to reach agreement through direct negotiations with Marshal Stalin.

Mr. Churchill's words on foreign policy have for many decades carried greater weight than have his discourses upon domestic affairs. His mind and his speeches are more effective when not confined to the limits of his sailors' island. Tonight he said: "I feel that christian men should not close the door on any hope of finding a new foundation for the life of the self-tormented human race." Mr. Churchill's speech tonight will have enhanced the Conservative prospect for victory next week. It may not be decisive, but it is his major political contribution to theConservative cause, so far.

When Winston Churchill nears the end of a speech you can see him gather himself for his peroration, like a tired hunter preparing to take the last difficult fence. Tonight in Edinburgh he

ended in this fashion: "what prizes lie before all the peoples, if they are worthy of them - Peace, food, happiness, leisure, wealth for the masses never known or dreamed of; the glorious advance into a period of rest and safety, for all the hundreds of millions of homes where little children play by the fire, and girls grow up in all their beauty, and young men march to fruitful labor in all their strength and valour."

There is no such vision of the future available to Robert Voegler, American business man arrested in Budapest on November 22nd, accused of espionage and sabotage. He has been held incommunicado; our diplomats have not been allowed to see him. So far attempts to provide him with a defense lawyer, or even an observer, have failed. The Hungarian officials have refused to produce a copy of the indictment or a bill of particulars. But they have announced in advance that he will be convicted. This procedure should not be termed a trial, and the place where it occurs does not deserve to be referred to as a court. It is more likely to resemble a giant billboard, upon which slogans will be posted, and where even a compelled confession may be displayed. The mis-called trial is due to begin on Friday. Our State Department has considerable information on this case that has not been made public. A White Paper, or a full report, the day before this so-called trial begins might serve to blunt the propaganda value the Hungarians undoubtedly hope to derive from it.

Word comes from Washington today that the Air Force is about to close the gap. It was created in this fashion. When they adopted that slate blue uniform, the short battle jacket replaced the old blouse. But the pants were engineered on the same lines as before. Now it soon became apparent that in an active day there would occur a gap between pants and battle jacket, where the shirt could be observed. This produces an unmilitary appearance. So now the pants are going to be cut longer, or perhaps I should say higher in the waist - way up to here. That'll close the gap, but it probably means suspenders instead of a belt, because the normal man can't wear a belt way up wherever the pants are going to be. General Hoyt Vandenberg hasn't ordered the wearing of suspenders, but he has informally suggested, or advised it - reached this conclusion through a process which is called "deductive," according to our informant in the Pentagon. Un-official surveys indicate that American men prefer belts to suspenders by a ratio of about sixty

to forty. And we are told that the basic engineering principles of suspenders haven't changed for a hundred and fifty years. We know that pessimists wear both suspenders and belt; and we know the answer to the question "Why firemen wear red suspenders." But beyond that, very little except that the gap is to be closed.

Now Bob Dixon - with a silver buckle on his belt ----------

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Well, Bob, at that trial of Mr. Voegler in Budapest the procedure in the so-called "Court" probably wouldn't be recognized under any of the rules of justice known to us. As Paul Gallico once wrote: "one of the easiest things in the world is not to have evidence when evidence is liable to prove embarrassing."

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The telephone negotiations don't seem to be getting anywhere.. (with a C.I.O. strike set for a week from tomorrow.) The American Telephone and Telegraph Company charges that the union has walked out of negotiations.. ~~[illegible]~~ to force the government to intervene. Joseph Bierne, the union president, said today that 20-thousand telephone

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workers lost their jobs in the first nine months of last year, because of the increased use of the dial system. He says that's why the union is demanding a shorter work week.

The President today was questioned in some detail on his views about a Big Three meeting.. as suggested by Winston Churchill...and how he feels about the possibility of sending a representative to meet with Stalin. Mr. Truman told reporters: Maybe at some future date it might be a good idea to send someone to talk with Stalin; but not now.. the door is always open--in Washington--for any head of any state who wants to talk with him.. we are ready to discuss atomic controls or peace with anyone, providing its done through normal diplomatic channels, or through the United Nations. The President pointed out that we have never walked out of a U.N. meeting.. we have never vetoed any measures that might lead to peace.

Chairman Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee indicates that he's unhappy about the Administration's decision not to initiate any peace talks now. He thinks Mr. Churchill has the right idea. He doesn't like what he calls Secretary of State Acheson's "sweat it out" policy..fears this may to lead to ultimate death for Billions of people.

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Senator Tydings, who is also a member of the atomic energy committee, wants the President to call a world disarmament conference.. says that in the "inevitable progression" of things, the Hydrogen bomb... which he says can kill 10-million people with a single blast, may some day be superceded by an [redacted] X-bomb.. stronger yet.

General Clay, our former commander in Germany, thinks a Big Three meeting might (ease up) [redacted] the international tension. But it couldn't resolve our problems with [redacted] Russia. The General thinks we can never have a realistic agreement with the [redacted] (PRESENT) Russian government.. no matter who negotiates it. And he doesn't believe there has to be a war. If war does come, General Clay says we couldn't possibly lose it, because of our superior strength: economically, militarily and politically.

[redacted] (MANY) of Mr. Truman's foreign policy answers today, came as a result of (PERSISTENT QUESTIONING) [redacted] by reporters who objected to an exclusive interview Mr. Truman gave to Arthur Krock of the New York Times. Mr. Truman told the reporters he thinks some of them are disgruntled over this.. he didn't like their attitude.. wanted them to cool off.. said he'll give interviews to individuals whenever he wants to, although that is not the White House custom.

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The President also told reporters that later this year, after the primaries, he's going on a tour to help Democrats win seats in Congress. Tonight he speaks at the big Jefferson-Jackson day dinner in Washington.

The Fair Employment Practicises Bill is still locked in the House Rules Committee. A tie vote today--six to six--keeps it there. Four northern Democrats and two Republicans voted to send the bill to the floor. Four southern Democrats and two Republicans voted against that.

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The executive board of the C.I.O. has thrown out a fourth union for following the Communist line... the United Public Workers.

Here in New York, Judge Ryan abruptly adjourned the trial of Judith Coplon and Valentine Gubitchev until Monday. He said he did this "in the best interests of Justice".. refused to explain what's up. There are reports that Miss Coplon wants to replace her attorney,

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Archibald Palmer. She says she cannot comment on this. The judge meets with attorneys for all sides tomorrow.

And in Budapest tomorrow the trial of Robert Vogeler gets underway. As far as we know, my colleage Alexander Kendrick is the only American reporter to have been granted a visa to cover the trial.

The State Department today again demanded that the Bulgarian government drop its charges of conspiracy against Donald Heath, our minister in Sofia. A month ago we told Bulgaria that unless this is done we were going to take drastic steps.. break off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

In London today three British authorities on the Far East, agreed that unless Burma gets practical help quickly, her economic distintegration and invasion by Chinese Communists is inevitable within a matter of weeks.

Leaders of all three British parties are predicting victory in the elections.. a week from today. And Winston Churchill today denied a rumor that he died this morning, called it "quite untrue", and suggested it was part of a whispering campaign against him.

The Army is sweating out some difficult problems. Yesterday General Byers, Deputy Personnel Director said: "The new tools of war require intellectual giants. And frankly," he said, "we are running out of geniuses". He indicated that one-third of the Army rates between sixty and ninety points in intelligence tests, while ninety points is the minimum for good soldiers in the modern sense of the word.

In Germany there is a problem of a different order - a matter of etiquette, table manners. Two G.I.s have been court-martialled, fined fifty bucks, restricted to their company area for thirty days - because they refused to pass the ketchup to a Sergeant. The Sergeant asked for the ketchup, and was advised to "come and get it himself." I am reluctant to believe that this was the full extent of the conversation, but the news dispatches do not give us a verbatim account of what the sergeant said and what the soldiers said. However, the Army hopes that this disciplinary action will produce increased respect for senior non-commissioned officers, and keener awareness of correct table manners.

In Austria the Army has a problem of rather more considerable dimension. It was high-lighted the other day by the story of two American M.P.s who did

a kidnapping job for the Russians, at a price of two hundred and fifty dollars. Our army of occupation in ~~Russia~~ Austria numbers about ten thousand. Private and wholly reliable cables from Vienna say that morale is not high. This is a not unusual state of affairs in an army of occupation; but in Austria the percentage of men in the guardhouse at any given time is double what it is in Germany. The rate of AWOL's is considerably higher in Austria than it is in the German command. About one-third of the court-martials in the Austrian command are for drunkenness. Of the last four thousand replacements to be stationed in Austria, sixty-five percent were aged twenty-one or under; almost half of them were eighteen or under. When they took their Army general classification test about half of them scored below normal.

These youngsters are thrown into an unreal world - as conquerors - where black markets flourish, where cigarettes make friends, and where the normal sanctions of society do not operate. The upper echelons in Austria say this situation arises because we don't have a Draft Law which would give us a cross-section of American ~~yangx~~ youth for our armies of occupation.

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The other night, in what we fondly hoped was a light-hearted mood, we reported that in Ruanda Urundi, in the Belgian Congo, there were too many cows. I think it was one for every four persons. The United Nations Mission concluded that the pre-eminence of man over the cow, in Ruanda Urundi, is still far from being established. As often happens in this news business, we looked too far afield; it was almost a case of the eyes of a fool being on the ends of the earth. For an old friend, and useful correspondent in Vermont informs us that there are more cows than people in Vermont. And he unfolds a certain colloquy which he says occurs occasionally in that great state, in the course of which a tourist states: "Understand you got more cows than people in Vermont - is that right?" Farmer replies: "Yea". The tourist pursues this illuminating conversation by saying: "Why is that?" To which the farmer replies: "We like 'em better!" Hereafter we shall not assail your ears with any stories about cows from Ruanda Urundi.

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Tomorrow I'm flying to London, and will be working from there for the next two weeks. During that time my old friend Larry Lesueur will do the first part of this program, and I will try to fill the second part of it from London.

I hope you Remain in Good Voice
While I'm away Bob x

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Well Robert, we were talking tonight, among other things, about cows and manners. On the first subject Gelette Burgess had this to say: "I never saw a purple cow, and I never hope to see one. But I can tell you anyhow, that I'd rather see than be one."

On the subject of manners George Bernard Shaw once said this: "The great secret is not having bad manners, or good manners, or any other particular sort of manners; but having the same manners for all human souls."

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The telephone negotiations don't seem to be getting anywhere...(with a CIO strike set for a week from tomorrow.). The American Telephone and Telegraph Company charges that the union has walked out of negotiations....to force the government to intervene. Joseph Bierne, the union president, said today that 20-thousand telephone workers lost their jobs in the first nine months of last year, because of the increased use of the dial system. He says that's why the union is demanding a shorter work week.

The President today was questioned in some detail on his views about a Big Three meeting... as suggested by Winston Churchill...and how he feels about the possibility of sending a representative to meet with Stalin. Mr. Truman told reporters: Maybe at some future date it might be a good idea to send someone to talk with Stalin; but not now...the door is always open -- in Washington -- for any head of state who wants to talk with him...we are ready to discuss atomic controls or peace with anyone, providing it's done through normal diplomatic channels, or through the United Nations. The President pointed out that we have never walked out of a UN meeting...we have never vetoed any measures that might lead to peace.

Chairman Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee indicates that he's unhappy about the Administration's decision not to initiate any peace talks now. He thinks Mr. Churchill has the right idea. He doesn't like what he calls Secretary of State Acheson's "sweat it out" policy... fears this may lead to ultimate death for billions of people.

Senator Tydings, who is also a member of the atomic energy committee, wants the President

to call a world disarmament conference...says that in the "inevitable progression" of things, the hydrogen bomb...which he says can kill ten million people with a single blast, may some day be superseded by an X-bomb...stronger yet.

General Clay, our former commander in Germany, thinks a Big Three meeting might ease up the international tension. But it couldn't resolve our problems with Russia. The General thinks we X can never have a realistic agreement with the present Russian government...no matter who negotiates it. And he doesn't believe there has to be a war. If war does come, General Clay says we couldn't possibly lose it, because of our superior strength: economically, militarily and politically.

Many of Mr. Truman's foreign policy answers today, came as a result of persistent questioning by reporters who objected to an exclusive interview Mr. Truman gave to Arthur Krock of the New York Times. Mr. Truman told the reporters he thinks some of them are disgruntled over this...he didn't like their attitude...wanted them to cool off....said he'll give interviews to individuals whenever he wants to, although that is not the White House custom.

The President also told reporters that later this year, after the primaries, he's going on a tour to help Democrats win seats in Congress. Tonight he speaks at the big Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Washington.

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In London today three British authorities on the Far East, agreed that unless Burma gets practical help quickly, her economic disintegration and invasion by Chinese Communists is inevitable, (within a matter of weeks).

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The Army is sweating out some difficult problems. Yesterday General Byers, Deputy Personnel Director said:"The new tools of war require intellectual giants. And frankly", he said, "we are running out of geniuses." He indicated that one-third of the Army rates between sixty and ninety points in intelligence tests, while ninety points is the minimum for good soldiers in the modern sense of the word.

In Germany there is a problem of a different order - a matter of etiquette, table manners. Two G.I.'s have been court-martialled, fined fifty bucks, restricted to their company area for thirty days - because they refused to pass the ketchup to a Sergeant. The Sergeant asked for the ketchup, and was advised to "come and get it himself". I am reluctant to believe that this was the full extent of the conversation, but the news dispatches do not give us a verbatim account of what the sergeant said, and what the soldiers said. However, the Army hopes that this disciplinary action will produce increased respect for senior non-commissioned officers, and keener awareness of correct table manners.

In Austria the Army has a problem of rather more considerable dimension. It was highlighted the other day by the story of two American M.P.'s who did a kidnapping job for the Russians at a price of two hundred and fifty dollars. Our army of occupation in Austria numbers about

ten thousand. Private and wholly reliable cables from Vienna say that morale is not high. This is a not unusual state of affairs in an army of occupation; but in Austria the percentage of men in the guardhouse at any given time is double what it is in Germany. The rate of AWOLs is considerably higher in Austria than it is in the German command. About one-third of the court-martials in the Austrian command are for drunkenness. Of the last four thousand replacements to be stationed in Austria, sixty-five percent were aged twenty-one or under; almost half of them were eighteen or under. When they took their Army general classification test about half of them scored below normal.

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The courts made the news....A federal judge asked the coalminers to show cause why they shouldn't be held in contempt of court...But the miners aren't paying any attention.. The winter's bitterest cold wave is spreading down the East Coast...

Hungary's communist prosecutor demands the death sentence for robert Vogeler... [redacted] And in Manchester, New Hampshire, a country doctor calmly watched a jury being chosen to try him for murder in a"mercy slaying."

Federal Judge Keech i[redacted] today [redacted] CITED the United Mine Workers [redacted] FOR defying his back-to work order. The government charged that the miners union didn't do enough to end the strike.. in fact, encouraged it to continue. So, Judge Keech signed the contempt order. On Friday the union has to show why it has[redacted] NOT been able to get the miners back to work. If the Judge doesn't like the answer he starts a trial on Monday.. to determine what to do about it. Within the past three years the miners have paid more than two millions in contempt fines. Today's order, unlike the previous ones, does not name John L. Lewis as a defendent. Twice RECENTLY he's tried to get the men back to work. And the miners answer [redacted] IS: "no contract no work."

Mr. Lewis met again today with the coal operators. Federal Mediation [redacted]n Director Ching sums up the [redacted] 3-hour-CONFERENCE this way: "no signs of progress.. both sides appreciate the seriousness of the situation.. but the gap between them is so wide that a ferry boat rather than a bridge is needed to cross it."

The "seriousness of the situation" is this: we have an estimated 10-day coal supply [redacted] above ground.. the worst cold wave of the season has

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hit the Eastern seaboard.. The weather experts predict low temperatures for three weeks, from New York to New Orleans... Massachusetts has joined New York in rationing coal..St. Louis is closing its schools tomorrow [redacted]n...[redacted] Illinois is considering a state brownout beginning Monday... More layoffs in the steel industry.. more layoffs expected for the nation's railroad men..

Mediator Ching has another problem on his hands. A nation-wide telephone strike has been ordered for Friday. Today Mr. Ching called on the C.I.O. Communication Workers and Western Electric Company spokesmen to meet with him in [redacted] Washington tomorrow ..to try to do something about this. Both sides have agreed.

~~But there appears to be little hope that they can reach an agreement before the nation runs out of coal...The contract negotiations are now in their eighth month, the coal strike is in its seventh week, and there is about a week's supply of coal above ground...~~

~~The government's chief conciliator Cyrus Ching sat in today on the Lewis-operator contract negotiations, He also summoned a bargaining session tomorrow with some of the banks threatening a nation-wide telephone strike on Friday...~~

Apparently An American's home is NOT his castle...

The supreme court today upheld the right of federal officers to search and seize without a warrant----so long as the action is part of a lawful arrest... The majority opinion was written by Justice Minton, newest member of the tribunal...It described the search of a New York Stamp dealer's office as "reasonable" and in line with past decisions..

Justice Frankfurter bitterly dissented...declared the decision runs counter to the 4th amendment to the constitution, which forbids unreasonable search and seizure..

The court also decided that an alien unwilling to serve in the american army because of religious views, could still become a citizen...

The decision was handed down in the appeal of Martin Cohnstaedt, a quaker...And in congressional public hearings, a quaker spokesman called President Truman's order to make the Hydrogen bomb, "Unwise and immoral." Contended that new efforts should have been made to make peace with Russia...

Inside the iron curtain, Hungary's red presecutor, today demanded the severest punishment for american businessman robert Vogeler and his 6 co-defendents...In Hungary, treason may be punished by death...

Following the custom at these staged trials, all the defeendents made renewed confessions of guilt... The young american businessman maintained his unnatural calm, again asked for a "mild sentence." His British aide, Edgar Saunders, faces the same possible sentence. Their Hungarian lawyers stated mildly that they didn't think a foreigner could commit treason....The five man "People's Court", then recessed...It will hand down its verdict tomorrow morning... CB S correspondent Alexander Kendrick, only american reporter at the TRIAL, cables that, Vogeler looks as "calm, sleek, and self-possessed as ever, Not at all like a man who may soon be sentenced to a long prison term.

in Manchester, New Hampshire

More than 150 american and british reporters gathered today [redacted]...They started a daily flow of nearly 2oo thousand words to keep the world informed of the "mercy Slaying" Trail [redacted] of Doctor Herman N. Sander..

Today the [redacted] country doctor watmhed the jury being chosen to try him for murder [redacted] for cutting short the sufferings of a cancer -ridden woman... 9 male jurors were chosen, 6 of them Roman Catholics

[redacted] Newsmen say Doctor Saunder seemed [redacted] confident of acquital as he watched the jury being chosen from among his neighbors. H[redacted]de... The 41-year-old physician has insisted that he's innocent of any "moral or legal wrong." The indictment charges him with first degree murder---"with malice aforethought."

In Washington, 61-year-old representative Fred L. Crawford [redacted] got a back-slapping ovation on Capital Hill. He [redacted] spent a weekend [redacted] in jail to uphold what he called "the principle that congressmen should not have any special privileges..."

The Michigan Republican paid a fine of 28. dollars and 5o cents for slapping his hired man, a professional boxer. He was sharply critical of the rural Maryland authorities who declined to accept the the [redacted] 2oo dollars he originally offered as bail..

~~The congressman~~ also had some harsh words for the county jail mattresses.. ~~He suggested that they should be changed more often..~~

A mystery on the high seas... a United States navy destroyer radios that its found a big yacht drifting aimlessly in the Mediterranean, Abandoned by its crew off the North African coast.... The U.S.S. Mackenzie has put a boarding party aboard, and taken it in tow... There's apparently no indication why the yacht was abandoned, or what happened to the crew... the deserted craft is identified thus far only by the name "IMPERIA."

Federal Judge Ryan today adjourned the spy trial of Judith Coplan and Valintin Gooitchev... Recessed for a week in order to allow Miss Coplan's new attornies time to study the case...One of the new defense laywers told the judge that Miss Copland had fired her previous attorney "because he slapped her." Apprised of this, the peppery little Arhhibald Palmer replied: "That's too asinine even for Miss Coplan's present emotional state. ~~The attornies should not waste time on such [illegible] get down to work on the case.~~

20 And Late news from Washington. Senator Connally says the Administration has slashed its next year Marshall plan request by 150 million dollars...

Tonight

Edward R. Murrow is back in London [redacted]. his old [redacted] assignment for nine long years. [redacted] A few minutes ago, he recorded this report on how he finds the city and its election atmospehere:

Lesueur cbs 21 feb 1950 7:45p

Here's what happened today...Temperatures plunged just about everywhere. The cold war grew colder as the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria...Hungary sentenced an american businessman to 15 years imprisonment...and despite the fridgid weather the coal miners are defying the government order to end their strike..

For the first time since world war two the United States has SEVERED [redacted] its diplomatic ties with another nation...The State Department made a blistering charge that [redacted] Bulgaria is not a [redacted] FIT member of the family of nations... It requested the recall of Bulgaria's mission [redacted] to Washington and [redacted] ordered the United States [redacted] diplomats in Sofia to return home [redacted] "as soon as possible."

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[redacted] Today's decision follows a long-smouldering conflict over Bulgarian attacks on our Minister [redacted] there. ...And while Minister Donald Heath was packing his bags to [redacted] leave, The soviet satellite announced that five Bulgarians would face charges of being united states spies...Bulgaria accused [redacted] Minister Heath of hiding a spy in the [redacted] attic of the american legation for the past six months, called the legation a center of "spies and espionage."
[redacted]

The United States [redacted] declared that Bulgaria waged an "unprincipled campaign of persecution" against Bulgarian employes of the u.s. legation. [redacted] two were executed, one was hounded to death and others were tortured.

Today's extraordinary action arouses speculation about a similar american break with Hungary...That soviet satellite today sentenced Robert Vogeler of New York to 15 years in prison and his British colleague [redacted], Edgar Saunders, to 13 years... They were charged with sabotage and spying for the West...Two of their five Hungarian co-defendents were sentenced to death. The others got lesser prison terms...All had calmly confessed their guilt in a 3-day trial. All seven have appealed...The prosecution joined the appeal, on the grounds the sentences were "too lenient". [redacted]

Here in New York, the International Telephone and Telegraph Company said [redacted] it would show proof that every charge against its employee, Vogeler, was false...The company called the trial a propaganda [redacted] demonstration for the Hungarian people.

In Vienna, Mrs. Vogeler said she would appeal to communist Hungary [redacted]

to free her husband, "because I love him, I need him, and our TWO children need him."

Secretary of State Acheson today [redacted] told congress that it is "doubly urgent" to continue the Marshall plan...[redacted] said Russia is [redacted] showing signs of"increasing boldness." Acheson candidly acknowledged that Russia " has had major successes " in its foreign policy. But, he said, she's now up against the free nations of the world, which cannot accept the soviet definition of"internationalism." This, he defined, as The [redacted] unreserved, unhesitating and unconditional readiness of a state, to take the role assigned to it by the [redacted] Kremlin."

Acheson stated flatly there is [redacted] no truth in Senator McCarthy's charges that communists are employed in the State Department... But Senate democrats themselves have decided to press for a thorough investigation.[redacted]...Democratic leader Lucas said a congressional committee WILL look into it.. [redacted]

The bitter cold and the fuel famine make a showdown look nearer in the coal strike...Federal Mediator Ching again reported lack of [redacted] progress in today's contract negotiations...

And a high government official, who declined the use of his name, predicted federal seizure of the soft coal mines within a few days... There was more scattered violence in the coal fields today, as the 370 thousand miners remained out, despite the government's no-strike order and a contempt citation.

Some rank-and-file miners indicated they'd go back to work, if the government seized the mines and signed a new contract with John L. Lewis..

In Albany, New York, Governor Dewey asked authority to seize private coal stocks and impose price controls, in order to stretch " a desperate " supply.. He said there is only six-days-more soft coal remaining in New York...And only about twice as much hard coal left in the hands of dealers..

Winter's sudden offensive brought sub-zero temperatures to all 6 New England States...New York City shivered at 5 above...But the cold eased the flood situation in the deep south...although Louisiana still has a million acres under water.. They're not letting the flood interfere with the Mardi Gras...tho New Orleans in entertaining one of the biggest crowds since the war..

The army announced its sending a [redacted] detachment to Eniweetok in the Pacific, to lay the groundwork for new atomic tests... New types of atomic weapons will be tried out...But The army says this will not include [redacted] a Hydrogen bomb...

In Rome, Roberto Rosselini was quoted in a communist magazine complaining he and Ingrid Bergman ~~were~~ are victims of "Hollywood brutality." He objected to the [redacted] sensational advertising for his picture "Stromboli. Said he'd renounced all claims to the movie's [redacted] earnings in America, because [redacted] " I do not recognize it as my film."

In china, the nationalists are stepping up the use of their air weapon against the communist mainland... B-24 bombers from formosa smashed at power plants in Shanghai and Nanking. At the same time a nationalist spokesman said that five small communist landing attempts at Haynan island have been repulseod.

Most people haven't noticed it... but we're having electrical disturbances in the atmospehere. We call them sun spots. They interfere with trans-Atlantic communications. So you may have some difficulty hearing portions of Ed Murrow's recorded report from London tonight. Ed interviewed some important people on what might happen to British foreign policy after the election. Here's what he had to say [redacted] a few minutes ago:

IF MACHINE FAILS

Well... it seems the sun spots in the atmospehere aren't bad enough. We're now having some difficulties with our recording gear. But I can see the engineers working on it now and we should be rolling again with Ed Murrow's recorded piece from London in just a few seconds.

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Speaking at the [redacted] dedication of a new statue of George [redacted] Washington, [redacted] Mr. Truman took the occasion to make a major restatement of american foreign policy.|| The skies were grey and drizzling as [redacted] a 17-foot statue of the first president was unveiled in Alexandria, Virginia... [redacted] The international scene appeared little brighter...Mr. Truman said this country would continue to work for agreement on international atomic control.|| He also said we would continue to support the majority plan approved by the United Nations... [redacted] The so-called Baruch plan which the Russians refused to accept before they cracked the atom themselves..

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Here's what happened today... The eyes of the world are on Britain tonight...But here at home, the coal strike caused ten states to invoke emergency conservation measures...The President said the coal strike is still in the hands of the courts, and he didn't propose to comment on it at this time.. During the day there were rumours that John L. Lewis and the soft-coal operators were nearing agreement on the money terms of a new contract...But mediators say there has been "absolutely no progress." Unemployment in coal-using industries is beginning to mount toward the 75 thousand mark...At ten oclock tomorrow the mine union attornies face a federal court charge of contempt... and a possible multi-million-dollar fine..

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And at a senate hearing today, AF of L President William Green urged government seizure of the soft-coal mines...Green said he was certain the miners would return to work if the government took over..

The President didnt show his disappointment today about the "toothless" Fair Employment Practices Bill passed by the House...It was a bitter defeat for the Administration... The House put through a substitute bill stripped of the legal barriers against racial discrimination the President has demanded.

The vote wasn't even close... 240 to 177...The bill [redacted] fell so far short of what Mr. Truman wanted, that many original supporters declined to vote on it...The Southern democrats [redacted] opposed it solidly, were [redacted] largely responsible for knocking out all the enforrcement teeth, [redacted]...

The President put the lid on speculation about new approaches to Russia on atomic control...Said he saw no reason to make any fresh approaches to the Kremlin,, And he didn't think that [redacted] what he called the "Dramatic approaches"suggested in Congress, had any hope of success...The President repeated what he said only yesterday... That the American public must not be mislead by the vain hope of finding a quick and easy solution to one of the world's most [redacted] difficult problems..

At the same time, the President rejected demands from [redacted] from the Senate, for the confidential loyalty files on state department employes...[redacted] Mr. Truman made it clear that he considered [redacted] Senator McCarthy's charges of [redacted] red spy ring in the state department, to be without foundation...

Elsewhere in Washington, a federal court convicted Harold Cristofell for the second time on charges of lying when he told a house committee he wasn't a communist...

More diplomatic cross-fire between the Western powers and Russia's [redacted] satellites...Communist Hungary today demanded that United States and Britain reduce their diplomatic staffs in Budapest... Claimed they were"dis-proportionately large" and that it was proved that were implicated in a spy ring...These charges grew out of the recent trial [redacted] of robert vogeler and his british colleague edgar [redacted] sanders...During the trial there were repeated assertions that [redacted] both legations supported intelligence agents in Hungary...

This naturally arouses speculation that the United States [redacted] may break off relations with Hungary, as it did two days ago with Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian people were [redacted] kept in the dark about the United States action until today...Today's bulgarian [redacted] newspapers explained that the American [redacted] action had "no legal or moral basis." A government communique [redacted] stated plaintively that the "Guilt belonged exclusively to the United States."

Donald Heath, the recalled American Minister said that all 43 members of the American legation and their families would leave Sofia by [redacted] train tomorrow..

But not all the the [redacted] pot-shots in the cold war were at point-blank range.today... [redacted] Spviet Russia went to some lengths [redacted] to promote [redacted] a thesis that war between the [redacted] two worlds may not be inevitable... On today's anniversary celebration of the Red Army, the political boss of the red army, General Kuznetsov, emphasized the keynote.. [redacted] He predicted that Socialism would defeat Capitalism...But, he said, it [redacted] will be in "peaceful contest." [redacted] Otherwise, the russian army day theme was that they are now strong enough to crush any aggressor...

Senator Tydings today renewed his appeal for a world disarmanent conference. But He told the Senate that if we stopped at the [redacted] outlawing of A-bombs and Hydrogen bombs, the result might be the "destruction of the democratic world"...Accprding to Senator Tydings, outlawing [redacted] atomic weapons alone would [redacted] weaken us far more than it would the Russians..

The Secretary of State today urged a new grouping of the free nations of [redacted] South-East Asia...But he wants it to be"spontaneous", said this goverhment would wait for them to act first... [redacted]

[redacted]

If they did, Mr. Acheson indicated [redacted] we might back an Asiatic bloc with a kind of Oreintal Marshall plan...

[redacted] there didn't seem to be any love lost tonight between India and Pakistan. Prime Minister Nehru told the Indian Parliament that Pakistan has thrown "an iron curtain" over the privince of Bengal.. [redacted] charged this was to cloak [redacted] " the mass murder" of [redacted] Hindus by Muslims... said a thousand hindus had been massacred in Dacca, capital of eastern Pakistan, alone... Nehru [redacted] added that if Pakistan continues to turn down India's proposals, " we may have to adopt other methods..." He did not elaborate.

They were still ritting in the former Italian colony of Eritrea tonight...The British occupation [redacted] authorities were forced to declare a state of emergency... [redacted] ordered police "to shoot on sight" any natives roaming the streets of [redacted] Asmara... [redacted] Religious rioting there has been aggravated by political troubles.. The former Italian colony is divided on [redacted] whether to return to Italy, become independent or join Ethiopia..

Tragedy has ended [redacted] the ring career of Laverne Roach...The texas middleweight died today, from head injuries received in [redacted] the knock-out last night by George Small...Roach was 25 years old..

Colonel Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, in in Madrid tonight...He arrived in his private plane, a former B-17...Colonel McCormick described Generalissimo Franco as one of the greatest generals of our times... Colonel McCormick apparently caused a sensation at the Madrid Airport, when it was discovered that the spanish flag painted on his plahe was the colors of the old Republic... Colonel MCCormick agreed to repainting the flag immediately..

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Another travelling american heard from today...World citizen Garry Davis... he wants to get back the American passport he tore up two years ago...Seems that Garry wants to return home to get married...

And somelate news from Washington..The Sanate Banking committe approved a modified version of the Administrations's "Middle income housing bill... The program would be administered by a new government corporation, whose stock would be held jointly by co-operatives and the government..

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The British election is over. The votes are being counted.. part of them tonight.. the rest tomorrow. So far there is no indication of any trend. I talked with Ed Murrow on the trans-Atlantic circuit a few minutes ago, [redacted] when he recorded his report for tonight, and he asked me to give you the latest [redacted] available returns. Here they are: [redacted]

The Conservatives have won [redacted] 14 seats.

The Laborites have won 23 [redacted] seats.

Now here's Ed Murrow's [redacted] report [redacted]

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EDWARD R. MURROW

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

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MURROW: THIS IS LONDON.

This British election so far seems to have gone off without incident. The polls closed about three hours ago. Everyone over 21 was entitled to vote, except felons, lunatics and Members of the House of Lords. We will know the results of 264 of the contests late tonite. But another 354 will not report until tomorrow. The results we have so far prove absolutely nothing, except that the vote was heavy. A British election is unlike elections on the Continent or at home. The French and Italians consider election day as a holiday, when the arguments are loud and furious. The British take their elections the way they do their pleasures - rather quietly and without much show of emotion. There has been in this election rather more class consciousness, I think, than there was during the last one, in 1945. During that earlier election, the electorate was more united and determined than in this one. In '45 the unifying effect of war, short rations, the use of air raid shelters by rich and poor alike, plus the fact that bombs and V-1s and V-2s did not inquire into your financial and social position before destroying you and your house ... In '45 many people voted just for a change. Some of them are undoubtedly doing that again now. Mr. Churchill has called this a demure election, which it was on the surface. But the personal bitterness of class against class is certainly greater now than it was in 1945. This feeling could produce many votes for the middle-of-the-road Liberals, but no one expects them to increase their representation in Parliament.

One of the most remarkable things about this campaign is that both major parties have been fighting it rather with their head over their shoulder. The Conservative Party pointing with alarm to the Socialist record over the last four and a half years, while Labor has gone back as far as 1910 to remind voters of unemployment, the dole and hungry children. It is almost

as the both parties deemed the future to be so uncertain that they didn't want to be too specific about it. Whichever party is returned to power will have very little room for manoeuvre. In the field of foreign policy and world economics, a Conservative Government would have to follow pretty much the line that has been taken by Labor. The most immediate results of a Conservative victory would be that industries such as steel, peanuts,? and sugar would not be nationalized. However, there are some signs that if Labor wins there will be .....? in the party, and they will proceed with greater caution in the nationalization program, except for steel, to which they are committed.

If either party has a majority of less than fifty or sixty in the House of Commons, the Government will be in constant jeopardy. It might not last more than eighteen months, before another election would have to be held.

The issue of American aid has not played a very big part in this campaign - simply because some of the more irresponsible statements by American Senators were not reported over here. The Labor leaders admit that they made a mistake in not mentioning American aid in their platform, but they refuse to believe that American aid will end if the Labor Government is returned to power. We've tried to explain over the years that the British electorate is mature and aware of what's going on. That, of course, is not invariably true. I am told that one old lady today announced that she had voted Communist. When queried about this, she replied: "It was the least I could do for Stalin, after all the aid the dear Marshal sent us."

My favorite line in this campaign didn't come from Mr. Churchill or Mr. Attlee. It came from a rather obscure Labor candidate who stroke a pose in Devonshire.? "I am convinced that Labor will get more votes than I believe."

That reminded me of the elderly lady, in September of '39, when she saw her first barrage balloon, hanging there in the damp sky over London. She asked: "what are they for?" And was told they were for the Germans. To which she replied, "those Germans are stupider than I think, if they reckon

to frighten me by sitting up there in those balloons."

Today in the country around London, all sorts of transportation was in use. Such things as stage-coaches and pony-traps were employed to carry voters to the polls. By late tonite, New York Time, we ought to have a pretty fair idea of how this election is going. The final results ought to be known about 9:00 o'clock tomorrow, New York Time - 9:00 in the morning. On the basis of scattered returns so far, it is not possible to predict or even to guess the way the tide is running. This reporter feels that he is sitting up in one of those barrage balloons, but it will come down some time during the next fourteen hours.

~~This is Ed Murrow reporting from London. Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.~~

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MURROW: Well, Bob, watching this British election, I was reminded of these lines: the greatest asset of any nation is the spirit of its people, and the greatest danger that can menace any nation is the breakdown of that spirit, the will to win and the courage to work. Certainly, all three parties have demonstrated in this campaign that they have the will to win and the courage to work.

Good Night and Good Luck.

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EDWARD R. MURROW AND THE NEWS
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1950
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LESUEUR: Here's what happened today. The eyes of the world are on Britain tonight, but here at home, the coal strike caused ten states to invoke emergency conservation measures. The President said the coal strike is still in the hands of the courts, and he didn't propose to comment on it at this time. During the day there were rumors that John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators were nearing agreement on the money terms of a new contract. But mediators say there has been "absolutely no progress." Unemployment in coal-using industries is beginning to mount toward the 75 thousand mark. At ten o'-clock tomorrow the mine union attorneys face a federal court charge of contempt...and a possible multi-million dollar fine. And at a Senate hearing today, A.F. of L. President William Green urged government seizure of the soft-coal mines. Green said he was certain the miners would return to work if the government took over.

The President didn't show his disappointment today about the "toothless" Fair Employment Practices Bill passed by the House. It was a bitter defeat for the Administration. The House put through a substitute bill stripped of the legal barriers against racial discrimination the President has demanded. The vote wasn't even close...240 to 177. The Bill fell so far short of what Mr. Truman wanted, that many original supporters declined to vote on it. The Southern Democrats opposed it solidly, were largely responsible for knocking out all the enforcement teeth.

The President put the lid on speculation about new approaches to Russia on atomic control. Said he saw no reason to make any fresh approaches to the Kremlin, and he didn't think that what he called the "dramatic approaches" suggested in Congress had any hope of success. The President repeated what he said only yesterday. That the American public must not be misled by the vain hope of finding a quick and easy solution, to one of the world's most difficult problems.

At the same time the President rejected demands from the Senate, for the confidential loyalty files on State Department employees. Mr. Truman made it clear that he con-

sidered Senator McCarthy's charges of red spy ring in the State Department, to be without foundation.

Elsewhere in Washington, a Federal Court convicted Harold Cristofell for the second time on charges of lying when he told a House Committee he wasn't a communist.

More diplomatic cross-fire between the Western powers and Russia's satellites. Communist Hungary today demanded that United States and Britain reduce their diplomatic staffs in Budapest. Claimed they were "dis-proportionately large" and that it was proved they were implicated in a spy ring. These charges grew out of the recent trial of Robert Vogeler and his British colleague Edgar Sanders. During the trial there were repeated assertions that both legations supported intelligence agents in Hungary. This naturally arouses speculation that the United States may break off relations with Hungary as it did two days ago with Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian people were kept in the dark about the United States action until today. Today's Bulgarian newspapers explained that the American action had "no legal or moral basis." A government communique stated plaintively that the "guilt belonged exclusively to the United States!

Donald Heath, the recalled American Minister, said that all 43 members of the American legation and their families would leave Sofia by train tomorrow. But not all the pot-shots in the cold war were at point-blank range today. Soviet Russia went to some lengths to promote a thesis that war between the two worlds may not be inevitable. On today's anniversary celbration of the Red Army, the political boss of the Red Army, General Kuznetsov, emphasized the keynote. He predicted that Socialism would defeat Capitalism. But, he said, it will be in "peaceful contest." OTherwise, the Russian Army Day theme was that they are now strong enough to crush any aggressor.

Senator Tydings today renewed his appeal for a world disarmament conference. But he told the Senate that if we stopped at the outlawing of A-Bombs and Hydrogen Bombs, the result might be the "destruction of the democratic world". According to Senator Tydings, outlawing atomic weapons alone would weaken us far more than it would the Russians.

The Secretary of State today urged a new grouping of the free nations of South-East Asia. But

he wants to be "spontaneous", said this government would wait for them to act first. If they did, Mr. Acheson indicated we might back an Asiatic bloc with a kind of Oriental Marshall plan.

There didn't seem to be any love lost tonight between India and Pakistan. Prime Minister Nehru told the Indian Parliament that Pakistan has thrown "an iron curtain" over the Province of Bengal...charged this was to cloak "the mass murder" of Hindus by Muslims"...said a thousand Hindus had been massacred in Dacca, capital of Eastern Pakistan, alone. Nehru added that if Pakistan continues to turn down India's proposals, "we may have to adopt other methods." He did not elaborate.

They were still rioting in the former Italian colony of Eritrea tonight. The British occupation authorities were forced to declare a state of emergency...ordered police "to shoot on sight" any natives roaming the streets of Asmara. Religious rioting there has been aggravated by political troubles. The former Italian colony is divided on whether to return to Italy, become independent or join Ethiopia.

Tragedy has ended the ring career of Laverne Roach. The Texas middleweight died today from head injuries received in the knock-out last night by George Small. Roach was 25 years old.

Colonel Robert McCormick, publishor of the Chicago Tribune is in Madrid tonight. He arrived in his private plane, a former B-17. Colonel McCormick described Generalissimo Franco as "one of the greatest generals of our times." Colonel McCormick apparently caused a sensation at the Madrid airport when it was discovered that the Spanish flag painted on his plane was the colors of the old Republic. Colonel McCormick agreed to repainting the flag immediately.

In Manchester, New Hampshire, defense counsel for Doctor Herman Sander, said the country doctor would prove that his cancer-ridden patient was dead before he attempted to end her suffering.

Anther travelling American heard from today...World Citizen Garry Davis...he wants to get back the American passport he tore up two years ago. Seems that Garry wants to return home to get married.

And some late news from Washington. The Senate Banking Committee approved a modified version of the Administration's "Middle income housing bill". The program would be administered by a new government corporation, whose stock would be held jointly by co-operatives and the government.

The British election is over. The votes are being counted...part of them tonight...the rest tomorrow. So far there is no indication of any trend. I talked with Ed Murrow on the trans-Atlantic circuit a few minutes ago, when he recorded his report for tonight, and he asked me to give you the latest available returns. Here they are:

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MURROW: THIS IS LONDON.

The British election is coming down to the wire about as advertised. The Labor Party has won a majority, but not by much. The present standings of the parties is this: Labor 314, Conservatives 291, Liberals 6. There are still eleven constituencies to report. Only twice before in modern history has a British election produced such a narrow margin. The center and the splinter parties have been practically eliminated, and the two major parties are so tightly locked that effective parliamentary government may not long continue in such delicate balance.

I think we might begin this report by examining what happened to the various parties, as reported by my old friends and colleagues who have been covering this election. After that we will examine the alternatives. First of all, Howard K. Smith, CBS European chief, on what happened to the Labor Party.

SMITH: Well, Ed, Labor did not actually lose support in this election, as compared with the last election. Labor's total poll has, in fact, increased considerably this time over 1945. We correspondents over here have been running around the country in the past few weeks, hunting for interviews with voters who were for Labor last time and had turned against Labor now, and we have found that they are very few and far between. What happened, it seems to me, is Labor failed in its calculations of winning new extra votes, especially from two classes: the white collar worker, whom Labor has irked with the policy of freezing wages to prevent inflation and, still more painful to the Labor Party, it has failed to attract the big rural vote it expected from the farm workers. I don't know the explanation of that one and won't even hazard an explanation until we get more fact in. But, Ed, the main thing that happened to Labor was, I think, the Conservatives. They really got over their compla-

comes and went to work getting their voters out this time.

MURROW: Now, Winston Burdett on the Conservative Party.

BURDETT: Well, Ed, I'd agree with what Howard just said, that the Conservatives faced a very energetic and enormously resourceful fight. And I don't think we can underestimate the importance of that. They revamped their entire party machine. They revamped their party policy, too, and put out a campaign manifesto that was shrewdly designed to capture the floating vote. What is more, Ed, the Tories kept the initiative thruout the campaign. They showed a lot more imagination than Labor in finding new issues. They set the pace and forced Labor to follow. They pressed hard everywhere, even in places where they had very small hope of victory. I think their real psychological victory was to arouse and rally the Tory vote, so that millions of Conservative-minded people yesterday not only went to the polls, but they went with blood in their eye. Well, the Conservatives lost, but the strength of the Rightward tide in yesterday's vote was a kind of moral victory for them. They captured 35 seats from the Labor Party and they slashed Labor's majority in many of the constituencies. The inescapable fact is this - the Tories might have won and with them might have joined the rest of Western Europe in veering Rightward, if a good many potential Tory votes yesterday had not been lost to the Liberal Party.

MURROW: Thank you very much, Winston. The Liberal Party, as you said, made a major (?) bet and they failed disastrously. And here is Bill Downs to tell you about it.

DOWNS: Well, you remember, Ed, the scene that almost became a monotony in the reports of today's election count were the dreary words, "and the Liberal candidate loses his deposit." Britain's Liberal Party, which under .....? William Gladstone once dominated this land, took the most humiliating beating probably ever administered in this democracy. They entered 475 candidates, and it cost $320 each to do it. The Liberals elected only eight candidates so far. More than 300 of them lost their election stake, a total

of some 90,000. The money, incidentally, goes to the treasury that was insured by Lloyd's. Well, actually, the Liberals polled more votes this year than they did in 1945 - something like 2,600,000. And to represent this hard core of Liberal opinion are only eight parliamentary members, a paradox of the British electoral system. They have excellent leadership under Clement Davies and Lady Megghan Lloyd George, the daughter of the former Prime Minister. And, as one Liberal told me tonite in discussing the close Labor-Tory decision, "We Liberals now can certainly be a bloody nuisance." The ghost of Gladstone may be greatly reduced in size, but it is no less vigorous. The Liberal Party is the only minority party to survive today's Labor-Tory steamroller and .....? Britain now has a two-party system. The Liberals say that if there's to be another British election soon, then, chum, we're ready to have another go.

MURROW: Thank you, Bill.

Well, the Communist Party was destroyed at the polls, althe it was not eliminated as a factor in British factories. Paul Niven reports upon ...?

NIVEN: Well, Ed, for the first time in fifteen years the voice of Moscow won't have a single spokesman in the British Parliament. Not one Communist has been elected. The Party's colorful veteran, Willis Dalager (?), finished a hand bad third in the Scottish mining district which he's represented since 1935. Bill Korregan (?), the other Communist in the last Parliament, was badly crushed here in London. The Party ran an even hundred candidates in this election. Many of them were carefully placed in the districts of government ministers. By splitting the Left Wing vote they hoped to unseat Labor leaders like Ernest Bevin and Herbert Morrison. Well, that tactic has proved a dismal failure. The hundred Communists together got just over 90,000 votes. You'll remember that in the 1945 election, there were only 21 of the Comrades. They polled more than 100,000. The chief reason for this drop, I think, is five dramatic years of Soviet non-cooperation. There's still a militant Left-Wing faction in the British proletariat, but there's no desire to go the way

of Czechoslovakia.

MURROW: Thank you very much, Paul Niven.

It seems to me that what has happened in this election is this: two well-oiled, ably-directed political machines have delivered the votes. The splinter parties have been squeezed out. The Labor Party will have a majority in Parliament of something like, oh, 15 to 30. This is neither a safe nor a wormable majority. Only twice before has the vote been so close in a British election, and on both previous occasions another national election was called within a matter of months. The constitutional position is clear. The King must send for Mr. Attlee and ask him to form a new government, which he can do. But his margin is too small to last. That is because any British Government may fall on a vote of confidence at any time. It means that junior ministers cannot be sent abroad, that members of the government must be in the House, both in the afternoon and the evening, prepared for a vote of confidence. Account must be taken of illness and absences. A well disciplined minority is always ...(static) ... at the head of the government in every vote. It is barely possible that Mr. Attlee with his new government might reach a sort of standstill agreement with the Conservatives on such matters as further nationalization of industry, but that is unlikely. There remains the possibility of a coalition; that is, a pooling of the leaders of both parties in a single government. Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee are on record against that. Tonite the leaders of both parties refuse to talk about the next step. Both sides, their leaders and the country are tired, would like a breathing space. The compelling reason for Mr. Attlee going ahead and forming a new Labor government is that he could then choose the time and the issue upon which he would fight the next national election. His first test will come when he introduces a new party? It is conceivable that the two parties could agree to follow a joint foreign policy, as they have been doing informally in the past, in order that Britain should not be hamstrung on the field of international relations. This is a time for compromise, manoeuvre, for delicate personal

negotiations, at which the British have great skill. But whatever is done, the political stability of our most substantial ally has been destroyed. Those who wouldn't bet on the outcome of this election are quite prepared tonite to bet on another general election within a few months or less.

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We'll leave it to the State Department to interpret today's news from Indo-China...The Soviet-recognized Ho Chi Minh has acknowledged [redacted] Yugoslavia's recognition of his communist Viet Nam Republic..

It may mean that Marshall Tito is afraid to get too far off base---

Or that Ho Chi Minh is not exclusively loyal to Moscow...

The commander-in-chief of the chinese communist armies recognizes some obstacles to his ambitions.... Bayping radio says he gave a delegation of Tibet left wing leaders a message asking the Tibet people to build some roads so the communist armies could march in... Looks as though the chinese communist appetites are bigger than their logistics

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One near-tragedy was averted 2o thousand feet over Miami today.. A quick-thinking crew member grabbed Stewardess Josephine Pou as she was being sucked thrugh a broken window of the airline's pressurizeed cabin. The Pan-american constellation was on a ferry flight when the window blew out.. The Stewardess was sleeping next to it.

The case of Doctor Klous Fuchs will come before British Justice next Wednesday morning...the [redacted] german-born scientist will stand trial in London's Old Bailey...the criminal court building on whose site, men have been brought to justice for centuries... [redacted] Britain's white-wigged Lord Chief Justice will preside...Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross will prosecute... The 38-year-old, self-professed communist will be [redacted] defended by Derek Curtis-Bennett, whose record for acquittals in criminal cases is unmatched in Britain today...

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We'll leave it to the State Department to interpret today's news from Indo-China. The Soviet recognized Ho Chi Minh has acknowledged Yugoslavia's recognition of his communist Viet Nam Republic. It may mean that Marshal Tito is afraid to get too far off base...or that Ho Chi Minh is not exclusively loyal to Moscow.

The Commander-In-Chief of the Chinese Communist Armies recognizes some obstacles to his ambitions. Peiping radio says he gave a delegation of Tibet left wingxxx leaders a message asking the Tibet people to build some roads so the Communist armies could march in. Looks as though the Chinese Communist appetites are bigger than their logistics.

Army investigators probing the strange death of American Naval Attache Eugene Karpe have yet to turn up any solid clues. American military authorities are still questioning passengers on the Orient Express from which Captain Karpe fell or was pushed last week. "The only things we're positive about," x they said, "was that Captain Karpe didn't drink and did not commit suicide." Authorities now think the Balkan mystery may never be solved.

One near-tragedy was averted 20 thousand feet over Miami today. A quick-thinking crew member

grabbed Stewardess Josephine Pou as she was being sucked through a broken window of the airline's pressurized cabin. The Pan-American Constellation was on a ferry flight when the window blew out. The stewardess was sleeping next to it.

The case of Doctor Klaus Fuchs will come before British Justice next Wednesday morning...the German-born scientist will stand trial in London's Old Bailey...the criminal court building on whose site men have been brought to justice for centuries. Britain's white-wigged Lord Chief Justice will preside. Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross will prosecute. The 38-year-old, self-professed communist will be defended by Derek Curtis-Bennett, whose record for acquittals in criminal cases is unmatched in Britain today.

The House Un-American Activities Committee again took up the Hiss-Chambers case today, amid much secrecy. A witness was questioned at length, behind closed doors. He may be questioned in public tomorrow.

The new Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee, appointed to investigate charges of Communism in the State Department, held a closed session today. Afterwards, Senator Tydings told newsmen the committee would, if necessary, subpoena the loyalty records of accused officials.

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EDWARD R. MURROW

Monday, February 27, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

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LESUEUR: From London tonite, Ed Murrow reports that the British political leaders are still recovering from last Thursday's election. Here's his report, recorded within the hour.

MURROW: THIS IS LONDON:

An English friend of mine said today that he was going to the horse races. He expected to find them rather dull after the one that ended last Friday.

A most discreet silence has fallen upon the leaders of all three political parties. They have been seeing their chief lieutenants, but there has been no direct contact between the parties. Mr. Attlee is reshuffling his cabinet. Don't expect any major changes. The top men, Ernest Bevin, Sir Stafford Cripps, Herbert Morrison and the rest, will remain. The members of all parties are now the prisoners of their leaders, until a major issue arises. Developments over the week-end made it apparent that no one wants another national election now. The party workers are tired, the campaign funds have been spent, and there is no reason to think that another poll would alter the political balance substantially. Both the major parties blame the Liberals for splattering candidates all over the political map, when they knew they didn't have a chance to win. Both claim the Liberals took votes from them. But if 80% of the people who voted Liberal were to vote Conservative in a new election, it would merely serve to bring Mr. Churchill to power, with the majority no larger than the one Mr. Attlee now has.

But the overwhelming argument against an immediate election is that there is not an issue, except the basic one upon which the people divided almost evenly. The result is that the next few weeks or months will be devoted to finding or creating an issue upon which one party or the other believes it

can win. This situation will produce some masterful maneuvring. Mr. Clement Attlee has a slight advantage, because he will probably be able to choose the issue upon which he will accept or even welcome defeat. Mr. Churchill, on the other hand, must avoid defeating the Government in Parliament on some issue which would not have wide appeal to the general electorate. The personal relationship between these two skillful, but wholly dissimilar, politicians is one of mutual respect. They worked together in remarkable harmony during most of the war, and they did not blackguard each other during the recent election or the one in 1945.

In certain areas of government -- probably including the budget and certainly foreign affairs -- they will probably be able to reach an accommodation. There is a well-worn phrase in this country: "The King's Government must go on." But while it goes on, Attlee and Churchill will be watching for that favorable issue upon which they sense they can again appeal to the electorate, in the hope of breaking this near-deadlock.

Mr. Winston Churchill has patience and courage at cards. Mr. Attlee, a cool and imperturbable little man, has a fondness for crossword puzzles. It will be an unorthodox but fascinating game to watch.

One thing should be made clear about the conduct of business by this Labor Government. It will not be in hour-by-hour or day-by-day danger of defeat. Mr. Attlee can, if he chooses, announce that he will make only major legislation the subject of a vote of confidence. And on such occasions he will have to muster his majority. But on minor matters, such as a bill to increase the number of employees in a national museum, he simply won't accept defeat or, rather, he will not regard it as an adequate reason to resign and call an election.

The Conservatives, on their side, will have to be careful not to defeat him on small, unimportant issues. Otherwise, he might call their bluff, call a general election and try to persuade the country that the Conservatives thru petty party politics on unimportant issues are making it

impossible to carry on the King's business. For unless he is beaten on a vote of confidence, the choice as to when and on what issues he will fight the next election remains in Mr. Attlee's hands.

The British constitution, being unwritten, is a wonderfully flexible document, amply adequate to provide for the carrying on of the King's business, even in a situation which is admittedly unsatisfactory to both parties and to the country.

This afternoon I was talking to my colleague David Schoenbrun in Paris. He tells me that the strikes in France have produced no tension. There is no disorder. There are no political implications. This is a matter of the first direct collective bargaining in France for more than ten years.

Late tonite Alexander Kendrick arrived in London. He witnessed the trial of Robert Vogeler in Budapest and has surveyed the scene where Capt. Eugene Karpe died in a railway tunnel near Salzburg. Tomorrow nite he'll be with me to report upon the two dramatic and mysterious developments.

This is Edward R. Murrow, recording from London. Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

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Dixon: Now, here's Ed Murrow's Word for Today.

MURROW: Well, Bob, it has been said that a politician thinks of the next election, a statesman of the next generation. I suppose we can assume that both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill are thinking of the next generation. Well, I assume they would both agree with the warrior-statesman who said, several hundred years before either one of them came over the horizon, "the enemy came, he was beaten, I am tired - good night!"

Good Night and Good Luck!

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INSERT BEFORE COMMERCIAL AND WORD FOR TODAY

DIXON: Larry, did you have something more you wanted to say?

LESUEUR: Yes, Bob, since Ed Murrow isn't here, I can speak freely. I'd like to tell our listeners that in the current Reader's Digest there's a superb article about Ed called "He Has America By The Ears." Some of you may have been it when it appeared originally in the Saturday Evening Post, but if you missed it, I'm sure you'll find it most interesting and enjoyable reading. It's in the March issue of Reader's Digest.

Now, Bob, it's your turn.....

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COMMERCIAL

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EDWARD R. MURROW

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In deciding the contents of this broadcast, it is necessary to know when another reporter has a better story than I have. Last night, my friend and colleague, Alexander Kendrick, who has supplied so much valuable material to this program over the years, flew to London from Vienna, with a story you may care to hear. Alex. Kendrick.

KENDRICK: This is a double-barrel spy story and the United States has got it from both barrels. The first barrel was the trial of American businessman Robt. Vogeler before a Communist court in Budapest, and his 15 yr. prison sentence on charges of espionage and sabotage. The second barrel was the strange death a few days later of Navy Captain Eugene Karpe, the American naval attache in Bucharest, aboard the Orient Express as it passed thru a tunnel near Salsburg, Austria.

Captain Karpe was Vogeler's best friend. They were both Annapolis men. More than that, they were associates in a precarious business, the business ofbeing Americans in an extremely anti-American part of the world. Captain Karpe's assignment to Bucharest was to gather information. Anywhere else in the world this is called diplomacy. In Cominform Europe it's called spying. Vogeler's assignment at Budapest was to represent the interests of an American firm, the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. And in the course of that .. unintelligible ..

he inevitably gathered information. Anywhere else in the world this is called business. In Cominform Europe it's called espionage and sabotage.

The Orient Express, which starts out in Paris and winds up in at Bucharest, and Istanbul, has been the scene of any number of spy stories and murder mysteries in fiction. But no fiction writer could have hoped to get away with a tale like the tale of what happened to Captain Eugene Karpe.

I just came from Vienna, the spy capital of Europe, where the investigation of Captain Karpe's death is centered. I've been to Salzburg and inside the tunnel where his body was found, high up in the Austrial Alps. I've talked to the Austrian track walker, who discovered the body, the local gendarmerie, the local doctor, the American criminal investigators and the Army Intelligence Service G2. Now I have two versions of what took place that rainy afternoon in a dark tunnel. One is the official version. The other is based on what the official version leaves out.

The official version is roughly this:'the Orient Express enroute from Vienna to Paris, made an unscheduled stop at the Austrian hamlet of Geeing, last Thursday afternoon, at the entrance to ... Tunnel. There were workmen ahead on the track, and during the half hour halt, passengers got out and walked about on both sides of the train. When the Express started again, some of the doors may not have been closed. Within 3 minutes the train was in the tunnel, going 50 miles an hour. There's a curve in the tunnel and the train was completely dark. Captain Karpe, a big man, who was suffering from gout in the right foot, came back from the dining car as the train entered the tunnel. It lurched around the curve. He was thrown off balance and landed on his ailing foot, which gave. He was pitched out an open door. He fell beneath the train and was killed.' That's what the Army investigators think 'might' have

happened. One of them said to me, "Look, let's forget who Captain Karpe was. If he were just an ordinary passenger, wouldn't you admit it could have happened that way?" The answer is 'not exactly.' There are too many coincidences attached. But more important - the essence of the story lies in who Captain Karpe was and what he was doing on that train at that particular time. He was not an ordinary naval attache at some place like the Hague or Ottawa. He had been in Romania nearly 4 years, 4 years during which the country had changed from a defeated foe to an... allied occupied area and then to a restored monarchy, then to a so-called People's Republic, then to a the most fateful of Soviet satellites.

He saw the abdication of young King Michael, the elimination of all political opposition and the rise of Anna Pauker.

Captain Karpe had many contacts in Romania. Some on a high level. Whatever hostilities to the Communist regime remained, he knew about; whatever prospects there were for the future, he knew about. As a close friend of Vogeler's, a friend of who shared secrets, he left Romania just as Vogeler was put on trial, after 3 mos. imprisonment during which he 'may' have revealed things that never came out at the trial, things that pertained to Captain Karpe and Bucharest. Captain Karpe had important documents with him when he left Romania. Our investigators say they were found intact. But they don't know how many papers there were in the first place.

Three physical facts about Captain Karpe's death ? count ? out the mystery. First, the clearance between the side of the train and the side of the tunnel, less than a foot, seems hardly enough for a human body to pass through unless it is pushed through. Second, there was no blood in the tunnel. Third, the autopsy revealed nothing about the cause of death. The body was too mutilated. This report is not going to the

legal aspect of Robert Vogeler's trial in Budapest, or .. indistinct .. side, as it has been called. By all Western standards, it was a frame-up, and not a good one at that. As a courtroom eyewitness, I believe Vogeler was not guilty of the specific acts of which he was convicted. But one thing should be said. It may come as a shock to some Americans but there are spies outside the pages of story books. And not all of them are Soviet spies.

MURROW: Thank you, Alex. Kendrick. This is Ed. Murrow recording from London. Now back to Bob Dickson in New York.

ANNOUNCER: ....

MURROW: Well, Bob, here's a single sentence from an ancient Roman, Quintus Rufus, which might have some bearing on Alex. Kendrick's report and on the state of the world. He said: "Where truth cannot be determined, fear makes men ready to believe the worst." Good night and Good luck.

Ed. Trans. P.O.

Lesueur cbs 1 March 1950 7:45p

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The gist of his plea was for "newer and faster" efforts to control the hydrogen bomb and other weapons which [redacted] threaten the world with annhilation...He did not [redacted] say whether the United States should abandon the 1946 Baruch plan....McMahon said the clock is "ticking, ticking, and the time to save civilization grows shorter.." The speech was hailed by some democrats and republicans...But it runs counter to all recent statements by the President and Secretary of State...Mr. Truman has said he still stands pat on the Baruch [redacted] atomic control plan, and Secretary Acheson recently said he didn't favour

negotiating with the Russians merely for the sake of negotiating.

But it seems likely that the Russians may regard McMahon's offer as something in the nature of an American trial balloon..

The Secretary of State today raised the possibility of a spring meeting [redacted] among the western [redacted] Foreign Ministers...But he said no decision had been reached... The British Foreign office said the foreign ministers of the 12 Atlantic pact nations ARE planning to meet this Spring...The French foreign office said peevishly it hadn't heard about either meeting...

Another congressional committee today pondered over atomic warfare.. [redacted] The House armed Services committee has raised a grave question--whether united states strategy should be based on atomic bombing...They called upon the nation's highest military authority for early judgement... the [redacted] national Security Council, headed by President Truman...

This is taken as a partial victory for the Navy...The Admirals privately hold that the destruction of unlimited atomic bombardment would mean [redacted] we couldn't win the peace...

~~Unemployment began to skyrocket today in the national [illegible]~~

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Unemployment began to sky-rocket today in the nation's industrial cities... It rose another hundred thousand in coal-using industries. Almost 6 hundred thousand people are now out of work, including the miners... The Washington contempt trial was completed swiftly today.. The government finished its case, the miners used only one witness in their defense, and final arguments were heard...Judge Keech began to study the question whether to slap a huge fine on the union... He couldn't say WHEN he was likely to reach a verdict... While the trial was winding up, there was another attempt at contract negotiations...The talks got nowhere and were recessed until tomorrow. The only bright spot was in the mid-west, where the progressive mine workers UNION ordered its 10 thousand miners back to the pits after signing a months truce with Illinois Mine operators.. There was some violence today...Dynamite blasts wrecked 3 non-union mines in Alabama and Ohio...Secretary Johnson ordered all military establishments to cut coal consumption to a minimum, and turn over any surplus for emergency civilian use..

Four Senators today proposed to set up a commission to draft a long-term plan for the Coal industry..They stressed that it wasn't meant to solve the present crisis..

And Senator Jenner said Indiana Republicans in Congress have "discussed" whether impeachment proceedings ought to be started against President Truman, for his handling of the coal dispute...They think the President should have invoked the Taft-Hartley law..

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In New York, Doctor Li said he "found it astonishing that Chiang [redacted] had made himself President without an election." [redacted] to the Generalissimo, Li said:"Your high-handed autocratic action cannot be justified by the constitution, nor [redacted] sanctioned by the people....

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The United States tonight granted a second emergency loan of 2o million dollars to Yugoslavia.. to help Tito withstand the Cominform's trade boycott...

In Washington, the Secretary of Agriculture asked for MORE farm price support money... Brannon told the house banking committee that the post-war adjustment in farming is now here...Said farm income has slumped 23 per cent in the last two years, and economists predict another 7 per cent drop this year...

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The gist of his plea was for "newer and faster" efforts to control the hydrogen bomb and other weapons which threaten the world with annihilation. He did not say whether the United States should abandon the 1946 Baruch plan...McMahon said the clock is "ticking, ticking, and the time to save civilization grows shorter"....The speech was hailed by some Democrats and Republicans. But it runs counter to all recent statements by the President and Secretary of State...Mr. Truman has said he still stands pat on the Baruch atomic control plan, and Secretary Acheson recently said he didn't favor negotiating with the Russians merely for the sake of negotiating. But it seems likely that the Russians may regard McMahon's offer as something in the X nature of an American trial balloon.

The Secretary of State today raised the possibility of a Spring meeting among the western Foreign Ministers...But he said no decision had been reached...The British Foreign office said the Foreign Ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations ARE planning to meet this spring...The French foreign office said peevishly it hadn't heard about either meeting.

Another Congressional committee today pondered over atomic warfare...The House Armed Services committee has raised a grave question — whether United States strategy should be based on atomic bombing...They called upon the nation's highest military authority for early judgment...X the National Security Council, headed by President Truman.....This is taken as a partial victory for the Navy. The Admirals privately hold that the destruction of unlimited atomic bombardment would mean we couldn't win the peace.

Unemployment began to sky-rocket today in the nation's industrial cities. It rose another hundred thousand in coal-using industries. Almost six hundred thousand people are now out of work, including the miners....The Washington contempt trial was completed swiftly today.

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The government finished its case, the miners used only one witness in their defense, and final arguments were heard....Judge Keech began to study the question whether to slap a huge fine on the union. He couldn't say WHEN he was likely to reach a verdict. While the trial was winding up, there was another attempt at contract negotiations...The talks got nowhere and were recessed until tomorrow. The only bright spot was in the mid-west, where the Progressive Mine Workers Union ordered its ten thousand miners back to the pits after signing a month's truce with Illinois mine operators....There was some violence today...dynamite blasts wrecked three non-union mines in Alabama and Ohio....Secretary Johnson ordered all military establishments to cut coal consumption to a minimum, and turn over any surplus for emergency civilian use.

Four Senators today proposed to set up a commission to draft a long-term plan for the coal industry....They stressed that it wasn't meant to solve the present crisis.

And Senator Jenner said Indiana Republicans in Congress have "discussed" whether impeachment proceedings ought to be started against President Truman, for his handling of the coal dispute...They think the President should have invoked the Taft-Hartley law.

The nation's transportation system was crippled further by a strike against American Airlines. The walk-out of maintenance workers forced the airline to cancel most of its flights.

China's ageing Generalissimo has again assumed his old title...Chiang Kai Shek today officially took over the Presidency of Nationalist China, but with only the island of Formosa under his control. He said sadly: "The gravest catastrophe in 5 thousand years has befallen the Chinese race".....Chiang sent a cable relieving Doctor Li of his title of "acting President". In New York, Doctor Li said he "found it astonishing that Chiang had made himself President without an election".

The United States tonight granted a second emergency loan of 20 million dollars to Yugoslavia...to help Tito withstand the Cominform's trade boycott...

In Washington, the Secretary of Agriculture asked for MORE farm price support money... Brannan told the House banking committee that the post-war adjustment in farming is now here... said farm income has slumped 23 per cent in the last two years, and economists predict another seven per cent drop this year.

This was a busy day for reporters in London...Klaus Fuchs, the confessed atomic spy,

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sentenced to fourteen years in prison...Parliament held its organization meeting...And Ed Murrow paid a call on the leader of His Majesty's opposition....

Here's the way Mr. Murrow summed it up in a recorded report tonight....

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THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Wednesday, March 1, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 P.M.

MURROW: Parliament convened briefly today to swear in new members and elect the speaker. Prime Minister Attlee said he wouldn't predict the 'weather' in the coming Parliament. It might be 'unsettled' - but he was making no predictions.

Mr. Winston Churchill, for the opposition, also declined to make any predictions and was content to emphasize the 'equal' and 'profound' division in the House of Commons.

Today at the Old Bailey, a spy was sentenced, after a brief trial. Here is Howard K. Smith's report of the proceedings.

SMITH: The trial took place in No. I courtroom in the Old Bailey, a small high ... chamber built apparently long before the needs of reporters were a consideration of architecture. Proceedings were almost inaudible. And with a crowd of possibly 100 in a room built of for 50, they were almost invisible too. In the eminent strangers' gallery there sat the Duchess of Kent, the sister-in-law of the King, looking very somber and, as always, very handsome. The ordinary visitors' gallery, a sort of balcony built as an after-thought and jutting over the room, was packed with people, who had queued all morning to get in. In the back row of that gallery, a young woman in a green dress wept silently throughout the proceedings. She said later that she was a relative of Fuchs, but she wouldn't give her name.

Down on the floor, the well of the court, and all the aisles were jammed with young British lawyers, in their wigs and gowns, present as student observers.

Fuchs himself entered the dock from a trap door in the floor. He was thin, pale, wore an expression of resignation on his face throughout. He spoke only twice, pleading guilty at the beginning and to thank the court for a fair trial at the end. And on both

occasions, his voice was almost inaudible.

For so serious a trial, it seemed to go very quickly. The state prosecutor presented only a part of his case for, as he himself said, 'reasons of state forbade some revelations.' The defense attorney pleaded very compellingly, but also very briefly, for a element verdict. Lord Chief Justice Goddard, presiding in red robes and looking very much like an English bulldog beneath his tight-fitting wig, handed out the maximum legal sentence, 14 yrs. imprisonment, in just a couple of minutes. And, then, Fuchs said his speech and disappeared, still with that resigned look on his face, down the stairs, through the trap door he had entered.

The overriding impression that I had was one of acute embarrassment. For 5 yrs. Britain allowed a professed Communist into the most important secrets of our time. Whereby, he was able to give the Russians a running account of what used to be called the 'best kept secret of the war.' The sooner this case is over and forgotten, the happier I think the British will be.

MURROW: Thank you, Howard K. Smith. Mr. Attlee's new cabinet leaves the familiar figures in place: the ailing Ernest Bevin sitting in the Foreign Office; Herbert Morrison - directing party strategy in the House of Commons; and Sir Stafford Cripps - brooding over the state of the nation's economy. Mr. John Strachey, a man who has held political opinions all the way from the extreme right to the extreme left, is taken out of the line of fire as Food Minister and sent to the War Office. His replacement as grocer for the nation is Morris Webb, a young former journalist who has come up fast in the Labor Party, and who may be expected to handle his public relations in such a way as to make continued rationing as palatable as possible. Mr. Aneurin Bevin remains as Minister of Health, and he also remains a perpetual threat to the unity of the Labor Party. The significance of this new cabinet is to

beyound I think in the second and third echelons, the junior ministers. Mr. Attlee has chosen a number of men, well spread geogrephically, who have had little previous administrative experience. This is a long range cabinet, designed to govern, rather than to fight another election in a matter of weeks or months.

The Conservatives are keeping silent. But it is obvious that both sides are preparing - in a most serious fashion - the one to govern, and the other to oppose.

The sentiment against another election immediately is strong in both parties, due to the belief that at the present time the country would divide again very much as it did last week. Right now politicians are waiting for the King's address at the formal opening of Parliament next Monday. And that will be roughly the equivalent of our President's State of the Union message, in which broad policies are stated and future objectives defined. The speech of course is not written by the King. It is written 'for' him by Mr. Attlee and his cabinet. The King makes a Socialist or a Conservative speech, depending upon which party is in power. The assumption is that on Monday the King's speech will be most moderate in tone and will avoid urging or recommending further nationalization of industry.

In the course of this political campaign, certain rumors were put about regarding the state of Mr. Winston Churchill's health. They reached such proportions that Mr. Churchill denied that he was dead. Tonight I'm able to report that that was a very considerable understatement. At the end of the campaign, which left men half his age irritable and exhausted, Mr. Churchill is not only in excellent health, he retains many of his almost traditional qualities of an indestructible juvenile. The brilliance of his far ranging, restless and capacious mind is undiminished and his control over the Conservative Party is unquestioned. His health and vigor appear to have improved since his last visit to the United

States. His views of the future will be revealed in due course in the House of Commons, where he has spoken so much history.

There's an old fashioned tradition over here which seems to me wholly admirable, that reporters do not report upon what is said in private during social occasions. I venture to report my personal impression of the state of Mr. Churchill's health only because it had become the subject of public comment.

This is Ed. Murrow recording from London. Now back to Bob Dickson in New York.

ANNOUNCER: .....

MURROW: Well, Bob, someone once said: 'the politicians think that by stopping up the chimney, they can stop it smoking. They tried the experiment They drive the smoke back. Andthere is more smoke than ever. None of the politicians over here show any disposition to want to stop at the chimney. It will be their purpose to keep the fire of political controversy burning in the hope that it may attract the so-called floating vote in the frustrated middle classes by next election time.

Good Night and Good Luck.

ed. trans. F.O.

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EDWARD R. MURROW-3/2/50

MURROW: This ... is London! For the last two weeks I have been talking with friends and strangers here in London, from chicken farmers to Cabinet Ministers. I have added two weeks of experience to some ten years of reporting British affairs and have formed certain conclusions regarding the state of affairs in this political and financial capital of Great Britain. The dominant impression is the extent to which the United States, and what happens there, will determine the course of events in this country.

This is an area where both Socialists and Conservatives find themselves in complete agreement. A business recession or a sudden reduction in American aid will destroy the economy and the stability of this country. Of that there is no question. Even though we remain prosperous and dollar aid continues to arrive on schedule, the future prospects for Britain are none too bright. Rising prices will produce ... indeed, they have already produced! ... a demand for higher wages and the final solution of Britain's economic dilemma has not revealed itself to the leaders of either Party. British dependence upon the United States has produced an unusual degree of sensitivity in Government circles. They admit the need, indeed, the indispensability, of American assistance, but they are at the same time resentful of what they believe to be undue and unwise American insistence that they change their traditional economic policies. But it is in the field of foreign affairs and relations with Russia, with regard to the hydrogen bomb, that greatest change is apparent here in London. Senator Brien McMahon's proposals are reported here in brief, but they appear to stimulate neither hope nor controversy. It is significant that foreign affairs played no considerable part in the recent political campaign. This was not due exclusively to the fact that the Parties are in agreement about the broad objectives of foreign policy. It was, rather, a reflection of a state of mind in the country, a recognition that Britain is in the middle, between Russia and the United States, and that British leadership is no longer a potent factor in world diplomacy.

As I reported earlier, there is nothing approaching

hysteria or excitement in this country about spies or hydrogen bombs, nothing of the ferment or desperate determination to reach a solution, that exists at home. There is, rather, something approaching apathy about world affairs. This [redacted] is, [redacted] the result of the last ten years. It is an accumulation of fatigue, resulting from five years in the dark and ten years of adequate but terribly dreary diet. It is in part a sense of frustration, which results in the British recognition that, five years after the end of the war, they are restricted, controlled, and in many ways suffering hardships greater than those borne by their former enemies. For the so-called upper-classes it reflects the fact that they are shut up in the island, unable to travel abroad because of currency restrictions. The working-classes view the world situation from a basis of full employment and higher wages than they have ever had before. Such things as the dollar gap and integration of Europe's economy represent something less urgent and tangible than the possibility of an increase in the meat ration.

It would not be possible for a member of Parliament to make speeches similar to those made by American Senators on the subject of a new approach to Russia and have them receive the same attention and discussion that attends utterances by American politicians. That is because the British recognize, however reluctantly, that power, diplomatically and militarily, has been transferred across the Atlantic. There has always been an atmosphere of calm in this country at a time of crisis, but this present climate of opinion goes beyond that. It is an unspoken, and certainly unwritten, recognition that fundamental decisions regarding the future of the world must now be made at the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, rather than here in Whitehall.

Another thing that has contributed to British indifference, and sense of resignation, has been a shortage of paper, paper for books and for newspapers, and now that newsprint is in rather more plentiful supply the editors are using it to satisfy the desires of a weary people for sports, comedy, and feature material. I am not suggesting that the British have resign-

ed themselves to a bovine and unquestioning acceptance of American leadership, but I am reporting that they appear to me to have recognized the limits of their power and the depth of their weariness, as well as a degree of their dependence upon the United States. Their domestic difficulties, economic and political, leave them with little energy to study big maps or propose bold solutions.

In war, the British are resolute and in peace, realistic. Their realism leads them to understand that in this world conflict we are in the driver's seat, as they were from 1939 to 1942, and the result is that they are relaxed.

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The President's program assumes the miners [redacted] will return if the government takes over the pits...But feeling [redacted] high in the coal fields... Some miners said they won't [redacted] go back unless the government gets the profits..

Mr. Truman blamed the present crisis on both sides...Said they failed to make an effort at genuine bargaining...Emphasized that the mine seizure would not mean dictation of a new contract...The President said "they'll have to settle their differences by collective bargaining, just as though government operation were not in effect.."

The President said soft coal is now limited to a"Few Days supply." Today the government ordered another 15 per cent cut in railroad traffic... In Pittsburgh, Mercy Hospital was forced to call off ALL but emergency operations...More factories have closed, and so have hundreds of schools... A hundred thousand school children were sent home in Chicago... And 10 thousand in Utica, New York...And a long list of steel industries are banking their furnaces... In addition to the miners, unemployment in coal-using industries has swelled closer to the three-quarter of a million mark...

Well, we may add a new star to the flag before the year is out.. The House today voted to make Alaska the 49th state...The measure now goes to the Senate, where it may meet opposition...Alaska would be the biggest state in the Union, even bigger than Texas..

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A new mass expulsion of Germans from Polish territory started today...The last 125 thousand germans in the former german lands east of the oder-neisse river line... The action is intended by the Poles to harden this 1945 frontier into a permanent line...

The three western powers have refused to recognize Paland's claim... But the Russians have given the Poles permission to shove the Germans back... ~~25 thousand of the german refugees will be allowed into the West German Republic...The other hundred thousand will settle in the Russian zone of Germany...~~

The germans also objected to what amounts to a shove by their western neighbor,too... In a treaty, France gained control of the Saar's coal mines for the next 50 years... In return they gave the rich valley the title of "Republic," and with it, a large degree of independence...Despite Germany's claims on the Saar, France promised the detached province, FULL independence after 50 years...Final effectiveness of the agreement hinges on a peace treaty between the allies and Germany... West Germany's Chancellor Adenaur called an emergency meeting of the cabinet in Bonn... angry disagreement is expected by tomorrow..

France has her internal troubles, too...Forced to call in the Armed guard to oust communist assembly members who seized the rostrum after a fist-fight with Catholics and Rightists... It was one of the biggest free-for-alls in the history of the French Chamber.. Some members had to be treated for bruises..The communists are filibustering to block two bills that would crack down on interference with Atlantic pact arms shipments and reinforcements for Indo-China.. 300 thousand workers are now on strike, including the ground crews at the Paris airfield.. French Transatlantic flights are halted indefinitely.

But the nationalist chinese airforce is flying...They were reported as far inland as Hankow, 600 miles from Formosa...And communist Canton is blacked out tonight after a heavy nationalist raid wrecked the main power plant... The reds claim that loyalists are signalling to the nationalist bombers..

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European economic experts say that the revaluation of the russian ruble will be a blow to russia's satellites--unless the Soviet Union revises her purchasing agreements with them.. Or allows them to jack-up their currencies to the new soviet level...Otherwise Russia will be paying less for the same amount of goods..

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The President's program assumes the miners will return if the government takes over the pits...but feeling run high in the coal fields. Some miners said they won't go back unless the government gets the profits. Mr. Truman blamed the present crisis on both sides...said they failed to make an effort at genuine bargaining. Emphasized that the mine seizure would not mean dictation of a new contract. The President said "they'll have to settle their differences by collective bargaining, just as though government operation were not in effect."

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Racey Jordan came back into the news today. The former Air Force Major testified again before the House Unamerican Activities Committee...told them Russia had been given "millions of pounds" of lease-lend chemicals which might have been used to make an atom bomb.

In London, Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers, the Prime Minister's office, and War Minister John Strachey all have had their say on where Mr. Strachey stands in relation to Communism.

Ed Murrow tonight has summed up the Strachey case...in his recorded report from London. Here it is.....

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THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Friday, March 3, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 P.M.

MURROW: This is London. Yesterday the "Evening Standard," published by Lord Beaverbrook, linked the name of John Strachey, the new Secretary of State for War, with that of Klaus Fuchs, the convicted Russian spy. The Standard maintained that Mr. Strachey 'remains an avowed Communist' and had never publicly broken with the Communist party. Late last night, No. 10 Downing St., the Prime Minister's residence, took the almost unprecedented step of 'denying' a newspaper story.

Prime Minister Attlee 'denied' the allegation, called the headlines 'disgraceful' and pointed out that Mr. Strachey has in the fullest sense been publicly identified with the Labor Party's known attitude of opposition to the Communist party and its doctrines.

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to any extent, and that they're utterly irresponsible as to the consequences to the British people of such unlimited giving way.

In tonight's statement, Mr. Strachey says that his breach with the Communists over the specific issue of the war widened into a general repudiation of the whole Communist standpoint. And he cites passages in a book he published in 1941 to prove it. At that time, he said, again in print, that supporters of the Communist party were 'utterly and finally hopeless and useless people.'

The newly appointed Secretary of State for War, who for the last 4½ yrs. has been Britain's Food Minister, says that since 1941 he has attacked the Communist party and its whole political standpoint as 'occasion offered,' in books and on public platforms, which he has certainly done.

During the recent election he forced a member of the audience in his constituency of Dundee, in Scotland, to withdraw a statement that he was a Communist. Mr. Strachey points out that as recently as the end of last month he wrote an article in which he said 'all the nightmare aspects of the Soviet regime really stem from the gigantic error of having maintained by brute force far too highly developed an economy among a population the relative maturity of which was totally inadequate to sustain it.'

"It is our contemporary tragedy," he wrote, "the tragedy of human history that this attempt ever came to be made. It is for this reason - wrote Mr. Strachey of Russian communism - that these particular festering lilies have come to smell far worse than the surrounding weeds" and he adds - "this supremely disastrous achievement of holding a totally unsuitable social and economic system in place by sheer force would have been unthinkable if Russia had possessed the safeguard of democracy ... in the simplest sense ... of the existence of responsible and representative government."

Britain's Minister for War maintains that his political views and the change which has taken place in them have always been on public record.

That is true as the record shows. It is also true - as Mr. Strachey's statement of tonight makeselear - that up to April 27th, 1940, he supported Communist doctrine and he did so openly.

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In John Strachey's case - he became, first, Minister of Food then Secretary for War.

The result of the affair Strachey will go far toward proving whether the British, with their highly developed sense of political independence, will accept the thesis that a man who was until 1940 a supporter of communism can become or has been a loyal servant and firm believer in constitutional democracy.

If all goes well, I shall be broadcasting from New York again on Monday night. This is Ed. Murrow recording from London. Now, back to Bob Dixon in New York.

ANNOUNCER: .....

MURROW: Well, Bob, I'm not sure I understand the full import of this sentence but it was uttered by Stanley Baldwin, who was prime minister of Britain, when I first came to live on this island. He said: "The attainment of an ideal is often the beginning of a diillusion." Good Night and Good Luck.

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Mr. Murrow's office
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Monday, March 6, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

MURROW: THIS IS LONDON:

On the surface, this was a day ripped from the pages of an 18th century illustrated history book. The King and Queen, in full regalia, riding in the Irish coach down the Mall, passing thru Admiralty Arch, turning right down Whitehall to the Houses of Parliament. They were preceded by the Household Cavalry. The rays of a tenative sun reached down thru the morning mist to bounce off the metal trappings of the cavalry. In Parliament Square, which had been covered with gold-colored sand, the Irish Guard stood like men of stone in their blue-grey greatcoats. Inside the House of Lords the Peers of the Realm were gathered, their scarlet robes sliced with white ermine, their ladies in evening gowns, the dim light resting for a while on tiaras and medals. It was a great spectacle. ~~The King rose to read his speech. Twelve minutes it took him. And it was here that the division of the country was reflected. He acknowledged the aid that comes from the United States, emphasized the need for this country to earn more dollars, reaffirmed his Government's allegiance to the United Nations. Said his Government would use its utmost endeavors to find a durable solution to the tremendous problem of atomic energy.~~

Reading ~~this speech~~, prepared by the Labor Government, His Majesty proposed no controversial legislation, made no reference to further nationalization, altho he did indicate that this Government would not hesitate to introduce contentious legislation, should that be necessary for the maintenance of full employment. This speech was proof positive that the Labor Party, having failed to secure a workable majority, has recognized the temper of the country and has moved to the Right. It has, for the time being, given up its demand for further nationalization and more socialism. The result is that attention now centers upon the attitude of the Conservative Party and the

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Lord Woolton, I noticed that the King's speech made no mention of the nationalization of additional industries. Do you care to make any comment on this?

~~WOOLTON: Only my reply that we have just heard in the election. I don't know whether you heard about that in America.~~

~~MURROW: Yes, we have. We have.~~

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~~MURROW: Yes. I stand corrected.~~

~~WOOLTON: Yes, they didn't get more than the Liberals and the Conservatives together. It is very interesting to realize, you know, that 84% of the electorate voted. That is very high. It must be remembered that a free and democratic country. I don't know if you remember my figures, was in 1945, in the 1945 election, only 76 [illegible] against 84 now. I think that all the other parties [illegible] candidates and the~~ Woolton ~~[illegible]~~ The reason why the Socialist Party polled so many votes, believe me, has nothing to do with Socialism. The answer - well, it's this: the full pay packet. We've had full employment in this country since the war, partly because of the big backlog of demand all over the world and partly -- let's face it -- as a result of the generosity of the United States of America. ~~A man said to me recently, "you know," he said, "before the war I earned £2 a week, and I'm now making eighteen. I've got two girls [illegible] a week coming in [illegible] it."~~ ~~He thought full employment and high wages [illegible] He knew nothing about [illegible] from all over the world.~~ The Labor voters in this election thought that we were inviting them to shoot Santa Claus. Well, full employment has nothing to do with Socialism. It's due to the circumstances of the time. All very well, they got votes!

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MURROW: Well, Bob, I should be in New York now, but last nite as our plane

was at the end of the runway, ready to take off, the pilot came back and announced that something was wrong with the de-icing apparatus on his windshield. And he said he was sure no one would want him to go into the field at Shannon and Gander when he couldn't see thru the windshield.

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Good Night and Good Luck!

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WOOLTON: Well, the weather's so beautiful in this country today. It's quite glorious. I've been wanting to come to America for a long time. It's no use talking to people in this country: "when are you coming to America?" Because one of the first things that you've got to do is to say, how could I afford to live in America when I get there, when this country won't let you have any dollars. I think I shall come when I can find some dollars.

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This is Ed Murrow recording from London. Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

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that the Secretary's recent economy order--to shut some general hospitals and curtail service at others--was "very short-sighted." After this testimony, the Defense Department disclosed that [redacted] Admiral Boone--who served as personal physician to Presidents Harding and Coolidge--had been removed from his job a week ago.. sent back to the Navy for new assignment.

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E. R. MURROW - March 7, 1950

Tonight we have received information which may contribute something to the solution of a mystery that has baffled much of the world since the great Moscow purge trials of 1936. How is it, that men who appear to be entirely normal, in command of all their faculties, (not showing any signs of physical torture) can be induced to stand up in a so-called court and confess, eagerly and in great detail, to crimes of the most serious nature - in some cases, to crimes which they couldn't possibly have committed?

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which the Russians call "Harmalin". This drug is said to have a "post-hypnotic effect, as a result of which a human being, having been given this drug, will repeat exactly what has been suggested to him, (even after the effect of the drug wears off.) However, the interrogation where he repeats these statements must be made by the same person who made the original suggestions, (while the subject was under the influence of Harmalin.)

The Dutch scientist produced a wealth of detail, plus seven color drawings of the plants in question. Our army interrogators placed credence in the Dutch scientist's report at the time; it has come to light at this late date because one individual remembered the incident and went to the files in Salzburg and dug it out.

I am of course without an informed opinion on the scientific aspects of this story, but speech-inducing drugs are widely known to medical science and this record from the files in Salzburg does, at least, offer my plausible explanation for a long series of otherwise inexplicable confessions.

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Mr. Winston Churchill has chosen the ground for his first skirmish with Britain's Labour. He has asked them to agree not to nationalize the steel and iron industries until nine months after the next national election. The Labour government has refused. Mr. Churchill has invited the nine members of the Liberal party to associate themselves with him; they have declined to go along. The Conservatives have also tabled a motion criticizing what they regard as Labour's failure to solve the housing problem. Both of these matters must come to a vote by the beginning of next week. The Labour Party, even though it has a majority of only seven, is unlikely to be defeated on either issue; ~~but~~ the position regarding the nationalization of steel is this: the government is supposed to name the men to run the national steel corporation next October; that government corporation would take over the privately owned iron and steel companies on January 1st of next year; but if the government doesn't appoint the Directors, then there is nobody to take over, and the whole matter could coast along without any official action at all until the end of 1951.

Neither party wants to fight another election on housing or the nationalization of steel, because there was public apathy on both issues during the last campaign, and no one thinks the political balance of power would be

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Reminds of hopes & fears. -

I'm glad to find you're still here Bob —

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(ends: WE MAY GO AWAY FOR AWHILE

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COMMERCIAL

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Another trial came to an end today in Manchester, New Hampshire. Here's a brief mk recorded report on its last moments:

(ASHLEY PORTION ATTACHED)

A Senate subcommittee investigating charges of Communism in the State Department today spent two hours wrangling over how to go about it. The witness was Republican Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin who says there are 57 Communists in the Department. Democratic members of the committee were particularly interested in the identity of one man...accused by Senator McCarthy of "covering up" bad-risks in the department. The Senator said his charge is true but he does not know definitely the name of the man he has accused...has no evidence in his files on this...has a "suspicion" as to the man's identity. The Senator then accused the Democrats on the Committee of being State Department tools...of trying to find out who his State Department informants are.. so that these people can be fired. Democratic Senator McMahon of Connecticut said this remark is "unworthy of a Senator...shocks him...is irresponsible." On Monday the committee will hear the rest of Senator McCarthy's case. On Tuesday it will hear from any persons against whom the Senator makes charges.

The President said today he thinks this committee is handling its investigation very well. He also told reporters he disagrees with a suggestion that one or two military men be placed on the Atomic Energy Commission. He wants the Commission to remain under strict civilian control. The President also said he wants Congress to approve statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. And he wants the House to vote on a Constitutional amendment to change the system whereby we elect Presidents. But the House Rules Committee today voted against considering the amendment at this time. There's no telling when it may come up for a vote.

The Senate today voted an extra four million dollars to run the rent control set-up through the end of June...when the law expires. The Senate ignored an Appropriations Committee recommendation to give Housing Expediter Woods less money than he says he needs until the law runs out.

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EDWARD R. MURROW

Thursday, March 9, 1950
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ASHLEY: This is Charles Ashley reporting from the County Courthouse in Manchester, New Hampshire. A quiet, musty place until eleven minutes past four this afternoon, then it became a bedlam. That's when the twelve-man jury filed back into the Superior Court session where Dr. Hermann Sander has been on trial for three weeks, charged with murder in the mercy-slaying of a cancer patient. Even as the jury filed into the courtroom after deliberating only one hour and twenty minutes, we knew the verdict was "not guilty" because several of the jurors turned and smiled at the Doctor and his loyal wife.

When the foreman was asked the formal question he didn't wait until the clerk had finished before he replied "not guilty!" And then the slight, bemoustached, dapper Doctor stood up, still dazed. His wife, whose face had been expressionless for three weeks, broke into a half-smile, even though she appeared not to have grasped the fact that her husband now was free, had escaped the possible sentence of death on the gallows. Then, this reporter grabbed the Doctor and his wife and their attorney by the arm, ushered them into the prosecutor's office, we we'd set up our CBS microphone for this exclusive interview, and as we pushed through an excited crowd, that reached out to grab the Doctor's hands, the newsreel and still cameramen broke into the crowd and started shooting away. Finally, we made off with them and came in here where this interview took place.

Doctor, first, how do you feel about the verdict?

SANDER: Well, it's wonderful to have it over.

ASHLEY: And Mrs. Sander?

MRS. SANDER: I'm very pleased that it is over.

ASHLEY: I bet it was a trying thing for you, Doctor?

SANDER: Well, of course, it has been a trying thing and we're all very happy that it has come out the way it has.

ASHLEY: What are you going to do now, Doctor?

SANDER: We don't know. We have no plans right for the present time. We may go away for a while.

BONNER: That was Charlie Ashley's recorded report from Manchester, New Hampshire.

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This is the news:

Two members of the Russian Politburo have now told us of their desire for peace. Tonight, Vice Premier Molotov said Russia is "vitally interested in a long, lasting peace." Last night Vice Premier Malenkov said his country wants peace. Malenkov suggested that Russia is ready to engage in "genuine negotiations" towards peace. Molotov tonight said as much as Russia wants peace it must be on guard.. Capitalism and Communism can get along.. but as long as "imperliasm" exists there is danger of a new war.

Only yesterday Secretary of State Acheson again went on record against any new conversations with the Russians.. said he doesnt believe they want to settle anything as long as they can exploit the issue for their own objectives of world domination.

The Hungarian government today demanded the recall of three American legation military officers.. said they ~~were~~ are unwelcome because they were ~~[illegible]~~ mentioned in the spy confession of the American, Robert Vogeler.

In Berlin, German Communists have given up their plan for a big

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youth rally in western Berlin. They've decided to hold it in the Soviet sector of the city.

And at Bonn, all west German political parties are on record against the French -Saar pact.. whereby France gets all coal production for 50 years in return for giving the Saar almost complete power to run itself.

The French had more strike trouble at home today when Communist-led dock workers at Marseille and Bordeaux joined utility, transportaion and other strikers.

Trygve Lie, the secretary-general of the United Nations, is aroused by suggestions that he has surrendered to the Russian point of view.. in urging a plan whereby the Chinese Communists would replace the Nationalists in the U.N. Mr. Lie says his plan--for the U.N. to seat the government that has effective authority in China --is rather a "surrender to international law and common sense."

The Interstate Commerce Commission has removed all restrictions on train traffic resulting from the coal strike. (The roads can go back to their old schedules at midnight Sunday.)

The commission [redacted] also granted another 10 per cent increase to the Railway Express agency--which is run by the major railroads--on all first and second class shipments.

Meyer Basheim, the senior Displaced Persons officer in Germany, today denied charges made against him before a Senate subcommittee. He said he never put pressure on intelligence agents to stop "derogatory" reports on D. Pee's who wanted to enter this country.

Leon Ksyerling, acting chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, says unless this country's economy continues to expand, we could have ten million unemployed by 1954. He said the February unemployment figure of more than four and a half million is "a real problem.".. there's a 50-50 chance it may be higher by the end of the year.

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Today, John Peurifoy, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, said he was "shocked" by what Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin has said about the State Department's Loyalty Board. / The Senator called that Board "stupid and incompetent". / Mr. Peurifoy said it is made up of men of "unimpeachable character and highest standing." Senator McCarthy thinks the whole State Department is riddled with Reds, but so far he has named only one name: Former Judge Dorothy Kenyon of New York. Apparently, Senator McCarthy bases his charges against her on the allegation that she was a member of a number of Communist Front organizations. Miss Kenyon says the Senator is a liar. (She is scheduled to appear before a Senate sub-committee on Tuesday.)

Senator McCarthy said today that he would give all the names to the Committee on Monday, but he will not try to present "complete details."

Today's New York Times, in an unusually free-swinging lead editorial, thinks maybe we are not sufficiently grateful for people like Senator McCarthy; he may cause us to think about this matter of "guilt by association"; and anybody who does much thinking on the principle of the right to join things, is likely to find that it is pretty closely tied up with ancient American traditions and liberties. Says the Times: "An American citizen, as such, has the right to join any kind of society, club or organization he desires,

provided he and his associates are not using, or advocating, unlawful means toward an objective. We each, and all of us, may get up an organization for the purpose of installing a single tax, for the purpose of denouncing or praising General Franco, for the promotion or extermination of wooden Indians, prairie dogs, and various species of butterflies. We may peacefully advocate the coinage of money in denominations of seven and a half cents; we may get up fraternal societies, and go parading around in red plush pants and with feathers in our hats, hoping thereby to improve things generally. We can propose cutting Texas into twenty-six states; making New England into one single state; abolishing the Senate; sending a peace mission to Russia; forbidding the manufacture, transportation, or sale in inter-state commerce of tobacco and its products; we may do all of these things, or any of them, and no grandma in the Department of Justice, no head Constable anywhere, and no Committee of Congress has any right to say us no; nor is any such right created by the possible fact that some Communists may agree with us, in some of the objectives we seek, and may join with us in seeking them. It may be that we do not show good sense in such matters, but each of us will have to learn about that on his own responsibility. He cannot lawfully, or properly, be told by anyone in Washington, with whom he is to associate."

The Times concludes its editorial in this fashion: "If these good old American principles are again generally accepted, some of us may feel like organizing an organization to raise money to set up a plaque, or something, in honor of Senator McCarthy. We will just have to hope that no Communists, or fellow-travellers, will join this organization, but if they should, we do not believe the other members of the organization can properly be denounced in Congress, or subjected to other cruel and unusual punishment."

I don't know about that suggestion of raising money to set up a plaque, or something, in honor of Senator McCarthy, but in my opinion, the New York Times deserves a scroll, - or something - for having used the Senator as the rather unsubstantial peg on which to hang an editorial with a good cutting edge - reminding us in these rather hysterical days that "guilt by association" is, in the true sense, an un-American doctrine.

Valentin Gubitchev, the Russian U.N. employee convicted of spying, still hasn't decided whether he wants to go back to Russia within two weeks, or serve fifteen years in jail; he told his lawyer today: he wanted to think it over during the weekend. It's a nice question, for a Russian who has been exposed to western influences: to spend fifteen years in prison and then go free, or to spend the rest of his life in Russia. If he stays, and the case is appealed, it may well represent a Russian effort to establish diplomatic immunity for All their people at the United Nations, in order that they may go on doing what Gubitchev was convicted of doing.

Secretary of State Acheson and Russian Ambassador Panyushkin had a ten-minute conference today, in which Mr. Acheson told the Ambassador of the decision in the Gubitchev case (deportation within two weeks or fifteen years in prison). There was no talk of anything else.

Both the State and Justice Departments recommended that Gubitchev's sentence be suspended if he leaves the country.

Today, Senator Wherry of Nebraska "had at" Secretary Acheson and Attorney General McGrath; asked: "By what authority does Mr. Acheson say who shall go to jail, and who shall go free? Sentencing one person to fifteen

years in prison, (MISS COPLON) and freeing another for the identical offense is a travesty on justice." Senator Wherry said: "The best way to win respect for the United States is to show this country stands for law and order, without fear and without favor." He said again that Mr. Acheson is unfit to continue as Secretary of State.

The State Department recommended that Gubitchev be sent home, rather than to jail, in the hope of preventing reprisals against American officials, and private citizens, in the Iron Curtain countries. The business of gathering information, of spying, is not confined to Russia. Every nation engages in it, including our own. Secretary Acheson is responsible for the safety and well-being of a considerable number of American citizens in Communist-controlled countries. He may well have reasoned that "an exchange of prisoners" is possible in a cold war, and that he, as a sort of General in that war, should do nothing to endanger his forces abroad.

If Gubitchev departs, the Russians will of course make propaganda use of that fact, claiming that the charges against him collapsed; and they are already doing that; but things have probably reached the point where the Russians believe nothing we say, and we believe nothing they say; so the net effect isn't likely to be very great.

But the personal dilemma remains for Valentin Gubitchev: to go back to Russia (where those who fail, or get caught, are likely to be liquidated;) - or to remain safely in prison, and hope for time off for good behavior. The decision must be giving him to think furiously.

Now - a suggestion from Bob Dixon. —

Relate to my story

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Well Bob, here are two quotations, not wholly unrelated to the day's news. The first is from Seneca: "It is the practice of the multitude to bark at eminent men, as little dogs do at strangers." The second, from Mark Twain: "Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please."

Good night and good luck!

H. Hanson
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Monday - March 13, 1950

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Here in Washington today, the State Department and Secretary Acheson found themselves under attack from Republicans and Democrats--on a variety of issues. Republican Senator McCarthy continued to present his story [redacted] ON Communists in the STATE department--(I'd like to review his testimony later) On the floor of the Senate, Democratic Senator Kefauver of Tennessee said the Department is showing "a shocking and alarming lack of vision" because it is against proposals for a union of North Atlantic Nations. [redacted]

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In London tonight, the Labor government.. for the second time in five days won a vote of confidence. This time the Conservatives attacked the government's housing program.. but lost by 25 votes. Last week the government beat a Conservative motion against the iron and steel bill by 14 votes.

Belgium's King Leopold still doesn't know whether or not he has his old job back. Yesterday almost 58 per cent of his people voted to "suggest" that the King return from exile in Switzerland. But those opposed say: its not wise to have a 58 per cent king.. the country is split.. Leopold cannot come home.

In Russia's voting yesterday there was no such split in the voting. The Moscow radio tonight gives us two figures to prove that: Joseph Stalin was re-elected to the Soviet parliament.. unanimously. And in all the Soviet Union, we're told, 99 point nine six of the eligible voters voted.

American officials in Germany say we've suffered a major defeat in our radio propaganda war against Communism. The big European nations, including Russia, have agreed to a re-assignment of radio frequencies which would kill the stations we're using to broadcast [redacted] behind the Iron Curtain ~~from~~ WESTERN GERMANY.

The President is away from this rainy city tonight.. on the yacht Williamsburg, bound for a vacation in Florida. The Williamsburgh found rough going off the Carolina coast today ~~are~~ and reported: "There has been no activity on board today.. no one was "actively" seasick."

Today the President sent twenty-one reorganization plans to the Congress. He thinks if they are approved, these plans, plus the ones carried out last year, will represent about half of the reccommendations made by the Hoover Commission on government reorganization. The plans will become effective in sixty days unless either the Senate or the House turns them down. Mr. Truman wants to abolish the Maritime Commission--merge it with the Commerce Department under Secretary Sawyer. He also wants to abolish the office of General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board and return the functions of that semi-independent office--NOW HELD BY ROBERT DENHAM--to the Board itself. What the President is aiming at is more centralized responsibility for the various department heads, and of the various boards which operate independent agencies regulating business, finance and labor. In several cases, the President wants to appoint the chairman of the Board rather than having him elected by his fellow-members which is now the practice.

Mr. Truman doesn't say how much money he hopes to save by these economies...the savings will vary he thinks, between "modest" and "substantial."

Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin talked for about two and a half hours today to the Senate sub-committee investigating his charges that there are a lot of Communists in the State Department. He named Haldore Hanson, a specialist and expert on Chinese affairs...One of the men responsible for developing plans for the so-called Point Four project --(aid to under-developed areas of the world.) Hanson was accused of having written for pro-Communist publications...having spent several years with Communist armies in China...having written a book, which, according to Senator McCarthy, was pro-Communist. The Senator read several extracts from this book -- which was published in 1939, in the course of which Hanson reported certain favorable impressions he had formed of Mao Tseung and several other Communist leaders. Hanson states that he was a reporter for the Associated Press in China; that he tried to do an objective job; and that Senator McCarthy didn't read other portions of his book which might have presented a more balanced reflection of his views; adds, that at that time he was judging the Chinese Communists ~~in~~ on their resistance to the Japanese. The State Department says Hanson has been thoroughly investigated, and the Department is satisfied he is a loyal American citizen. The Department

says the same thing about Mrs. Esther Brunauer, (who works in that part of the State Department devoted to cultural relations with foreign countries.) She was for many years Executive Secretary of the American Association of University Women. Senator McCarthy said she was instrumental in getting that organization to support various Communist-front organizations; such as, the Consumers Union, and The League of Women Shoppers. He says that Mrs. Brunauer presided at a meeting of the American Friends of the Soviet Union...an organization on the Attorney General's subversive list. She also, according to the Senator, helped organize the American Youth Congress in 1938 which was also placed on the subversive list at a later date. Mrs. Brunauer categorically denies the Senator's statements and has asked to testify before the sub-committee. Senator McCarthy then raised the question of Mrs. Brunauer's husband, a scientist, a naval commander during the war. Senator McCarthy wants him looked into immediately...suggested that he has been investigated by various government agencies over a period of ten years...still has access to secret information...and has admitted to associates that he was a member of the Communist party.

Mr. Brunauer says he has never been a member of the Party; never

told associates he was a member. However, between 1923 and 1927, he was a member of the Hungarian section of the Young Workers League in New York, which, he said, advocated Communistic principles.

Then, Senator McCarthy named Owen J. Lattimore, whom he called "one of the principle architects of our Far Eastern policy." He is an acknowledged expert on Far Eastern affairs, and for a period of six months served as President Roosevelt's political contact with Chang Kai-Shek The Senator says ~~his~~ MR. LATTIMORE'S record as a pro-Communist goes back many years. He read certain unfavorable press reports regarding Mr. Lattimore, and stressed the fact that he had written for publications of the Institute for Pacific Relations -- (that's a private organization devoted to the study and research of Far Eastern matters.)

When the Senator began to read the names of some of its officers and directors, Senator Tydings, chairman of the Sub-Committee, decided to read the whole list; it included such names as Henry Luce, the publisher; Juan Trippe, President of Pan American Airways; ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman; Ray Lyman Wilbur; Secretary of the Interior in Mr. Hoover's Cabinet; and others who have not publicly been accused of Communist tendencies. Senator McCarthy thought Mr. Lattimore in his many books and

articles, had misled the public about the nature of the Communist threat in China, and had misled the Government in advising how it should be dealt with. The Senator also contended that Mr. Lattimore has associated with known Communists, and had spoken before Communist-front organizations. Mr. Lattimore is now on a mission to Afghanistan for the United Nations. His wife says he has always been anti-Communist, and the President of Johns Hopkins University where he is employed as a director of the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations, says "I am sure Professor Lattimore will be quick to deal with the charges on his return to this country."

Senator McCarthy will continue his testimony tomorrow. The Committee has not yet started its investigation into the accuracy or authenticity of these charges.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear argument on a case involving the government's loyalty program. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has asked that the program be declared invalid, and that its name be stricken from the Attorney General's subversive list.

In London today, Prime Minister Atlee was asked if, in view of the conviction of Klaus Fuchs on charges of spying, he would outlaw the

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This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York

Well Bob...whether accusations march in step with our prejudices or not...we would probably do well,om all occasions, to remember the words of the German philosopher Goerthe..."One mans word is no mans word". We should quietly hear both sides...

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American officials in Germany say we've suffered a major defeat in our radio propaganda war against Communism. The big European nations, including Russia, have agreed to a re-assignment of radio frequencies which would kill the stations we're using to broadcast behind the Iron Curtain from Western Germany.

The President is away from this rainy city tonight...on the yacht Williamsburg, bound for a vacation in Florida. The Williamsburg found rough going off the Carolina coast today and reported: "There has been no activity on board today...no one was "actively" seasick."

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Then, Senator McCarthy named Owen J. Lattimore, whom he called "one of the principle architects of our Far Eastern policy." He is an acknowledged expert on Far Eastern affairs, and for a period of six months served as President Roosevelt's political contact with Chiang Kai-Shek. The Senator says Mr. Lattimore's record as a pro-Communist goes back many years. He read certai unfavorable press reports regarding Mr. Lattimore, and stressed the fact that he had written for publications of the Institute for Pacific Relations -- that's a private organization devoted to the study and research of Far Eastern matters.

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Senator McCarthy will continue his testimony tomorrow. The Committee has not yet started its investigation into the accuracy or authenticity of these charges.

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Then Senator Benton, and ten of his colleagues, proposed imaginative action...a Marshall Plan of ideas...to fight Russian propaganda "for the minds and loyalties of mankind"...with radio stations that can reach every set in the world...with movies explaining democratic principles...with a greater exchange of students among democratic countries. He wants all this to "close the gap through which the Communists are pouring their deadly poison into the minds of mankind"...wants a "full throated voice of democracy and not a whisper."

In Key West, the President today named a new atomic energy commissioner to replace David Lilienthal. He's Thomas E. Murray of New York...a 58 year old industrial engineer...bank director... holder of 200 or more patents...for one-year the "neutral" member of the miners welfare fund board. Sumner T. Pike continues as acting chairman of the commission.

The President today urged the House to approve his plan to build middle-income homes...said it's not a matter of party politics. But the House Republicans, aided by Southern Democrats, killed the plan which had already been defeated in the Senate.

The Air Force says it is shifting two jet fighter squadrons to the Pacific Northwest...to protect the atomic works at Hanford, Washington, and other defense installations. The Army will have anti-aircraft units in this area within ten days.

Those four B-29's we sent to England as part of the arms aid program arrived today. They were turned over with the promise "that they'll never be used to strike out...only to strike back."

Again, Foreign Secretary Bevin said he has no intention of talking with the Russians alone about the atomic bomb...says it's a matter for the United Nations.

Secretary of State Acheson said today we will give careful and serious consideration to Trygve Lie's proposal for East-West meetings to start a 20 year peace program.

In Rome, a Communist-led 12-hour strike, that touched all corners of the country, brought death to one man...injuries to 400...with the police arresting 7-thousand persons. Premier DeGasperi says it was a failure. The Communists are considering another strike to protest the death of the man killed today.

Officials in Washington have become accustomed to talking in billions, occasionally in millions. But today, before the Senate Banking and Currency sub-committee, they got down to our level. The question was: Should we have a couple of new coins...specifically two-and-a-half and seven-and-a-half cent coins. The technical term for this is intermediate coinage. Those who favor it say that we might save up to eight billion dollars a year. They contend that such things as soft drinks, candy bars and coffee at the counter have jumped from a nickel to a dime which means they are over-priced and sales have fallen off as a result. Seven-and-a-half cents would be about right. They point to other nations that have made this intermediate coinage work and that in the past we have had coins worth two, three, seven and eight cents.

Major support for these two coins comes from soft drinks industries whose spokesmen claim they are caught in the middle between the nickel and the dime, but could do all right with that seven-and-a-half cent coin. They also point out that two hundred and fifty-six major cities in the United States are using "tokens" on their transportation systems in an effort to split the difference between a nickel and a dime.

But Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, Director of the Mint, doesn't want any part of these new coins... says there's no country-wide demand for them...bookkeeping would have to be changed to a three-decimal system...the new coins would be too expensive to make...cash registers and change-making machines would have to be altered. She asked: How would you make change for a three-cent stamp if you were given a seven-and-a-half cent coin? The answer, according to the Intermediate Coinage people, is simple: The change would be two old fashioned pennies, and one of the new two-and-a-half cent pieces. But what if you wanted to buy an airmail stamp which cost six cents and gave the man a seven-and-a-half cent piece? No one has produced the answer to that one.

Mr. Joseph Strathman of Kansas, on his first visit to Washington in thirty-one years, told the committee that what this country needs is a good seven-and-a-half cent cigar and a coin to pay for it.

It seemed to this reporter that Mrs. Ross, the Director of the Mint, produced an argument that was somewhat less than overpowering when she said that women don't want their pocketbooks "cluttered up" with any new-sized coins such as the proposed two-and-a-half and seven-and-a-half cent pieces. They might serve merely to increase the exasperating mystery of that treasure hunt that occurs when the ladies are searching for the ellusive nickel. Nevertheless, it is agreeable to encounter an argument about money in Washington that is on a level we can all understand. My personal preference would be for the widespread distribution of those silver dollars that circulate so freely in the West. A half-dozen of them in the right hand pocket give a solid sense of solvency, and in due course, produce work for the tailor repairing the bottom of the pocket.

A rather unusual carpet arrived in New York today. It measured about ten feet by seven; it contains a million stitches in four hundred and forty eight different colors. It was made, over the last eight years, by Queen Mary, the eighty-two year old mother of King George the Sixth. The carpet will be shown in this country and in Canada; finally sold for the highest dollar bid, with the provision that it be housed in some museum or public institution. It is, of course, rather unusual for the senior member of the British Royal family to go "into trade." Queen Mary did it because she wanted to give a rather dramatic demonstration that Britain must make every effort, including the unorthodox, to acquire dollars. A couple of weeks ago in London, I heard an interesting story in connection with this carpet. The proceeds of the sale are to be turned over to the Treasury of the British Government. Some of Queen Mary's friends went to her and suggested that it was hardly appropriate for her to contribute to the support of a Socialist Government; wouldn't it be better for the money to be given to one of her private charities. Queen Mary has never been accused of any Socialistic leanings, but she replied to the effect that it was the King's government, Socialist, Conservative or anything else, that required dollars, and she wished to demonstrate in the only way she could, the necessity for all Britains to support that government in whatever way they could in the effort to secure

dollars. So, presumably, whatever rich American buys this carpet, will share the distinction along with Queen Mary of contributing to the support of Socialism. Of course, by the time the bids are opened there might be a government of a different complexion in England and that in turn might increase the amount of money offered. Not even carpets can escape the ideological contention of our time.

This is Ed Murrow in Washington.....Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

COMMERCIAL

Well, Bob, this atmosphere of suspicion, inquiry and investigation here in Washington seems to be contagious. Yesterday, in the elevator, an elderly lady asked our four-and-a-half year old son Casey if he had been to the playground. "I have not", he replied. And added, "I have spent the day investigating Washington." So far, he has given security clearance and complete approval...in fact, reposes unlimited confidence in the Lincoln Memorial.

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK!

This is the news:

Senator McCarthy opened the day here in Washington by calling the President "arrogant.. and he closed the day by accusing Senator Tydings and the State Department of lying. Here's the way the current battle went today: the Republican Senator telegraphed the President that he is endangering the national security. (inexcusably delaying an investigation of his charges of Communism in the State Department.) by refusing TO release loyalty files. The White House then said..from its Key West headquarters.. that no request for files had been received. Then Senator Tydings, chairman of the investigating committee, said such a request is now on its way. The Senator also read to newsmen the employment record of the man Senator McCarthy has called "the top red spy" now "connected" with the State Department. Senator Tydings said the man served with an overseas mission for four months.. five years ago. Since then he has not worked for the Department. Then Senator McCarthy said that's not true: the man.. (this man supposed to be the top Russian spy.) actually worked as a Far Eastern advisor for the State Department as recntly as a few weeks ago. And had a desk there.. had access to the files (A FEW MONTHS AGO.) And, said Senator

McCarthy, Senator Tydings has a sworn affidavit by a State Department official proving this. This whole investigation spilled over into the congress again. Republican Senator Morse of Oregon said he wants proof of the charges, or McCarthy should "pull in his horns". Republican Senator Flanders of Vermont wants to be included-out of any Republican campaign to oust Secretary of State Acheson. Democratic Representative Young of Ohio called Senator McCarthy a rabble-rouser.. publicity-seeker. Republican Representative Velde of Illinois answered: "ridiculous..absurd." #

The House today approved another 150-thousand dollars for its un-american activities committee. The committee promises to publish what it calls a "bible of subversive activities".. listing one million persons all over the world who are Communists or Nazis.

The House also approved another 2-billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation.. making the C.C.C's borrowing power--to support farm prices.. a total of almost seven billion dollars.

Four big farm groups.. the farm bureau.. grange.. farmers union.. and national council of farmers co-ops.. have told Congress they don't like the idea of giving Marshal plan countries one billion dollars of our farm surpluses..instead of cash. They say this idea--approved by a House

committee.."will lend substance to the Russian claim that we are using the Marshal plan to dump surpluses overseas."

The Senate Rules Committee has agreed to let the Judiciary committee spend 50-thousand dollars investigating crime..as its effects interstate commerce.

All five members of the National Labor Relations Board say they agree with the President's plan to end the independent powers of the board's general counsel--who is now Robert Denham. The Board members says this had led to confusion and conflict in administering the labor law.

At Key West today, the president's secretary, Charles Ross, denied a number of rumors concerning who is going to get what government job. Then he said he didn't want to discuss another report.. that Air Secretary Symington is going to become chief of the National Security Resources board.. with Thomas K. Finletter taking over the air job.

In Italy today, the Communists took over most of the town of San Severo.. with its 40-thousand population, in southern Italy. Six hours later the police, with army reinforcements, had things back to normal. Eighteen persons were hurt.

Communist dock workers in Tunisia refuse to unload American planes being sent to France.. so the government has called on military personnel to do the job.

Britain's Labor government defeated another Conservative motion of no confidence tonight.. by 48 votes.. its biggest majority in this Parliament. The conservatives moved no confidence in the food minister, Maurice Webb, because he wouldn't say how much food he has stockpiled.

In Germany, the Russian-sponsored government says the western government's plan for elections throughout the country is "a crime against democracy." The East Germans say the West German government is not "free."

The Czechoslovak Interior Minister says the western countries are sending spies to Prague disguised as religious missionaries. And Moscow's Pravda says the Pope is sending priests to eastern Europe to spy for the United States.

New York City was scheduled to start its rain-making program today. But it was called off.. on account of real rain.. more than an inch of it.

General Eisenhower is saying tonight that maybe we have disarmed too much. He repeats his belief that the world must finally disarm or "suffer catastrophic consequences." And he adds; "America has already disarmed to the extent, in some directions, even beyond the extent, that I, with deep concern for her present safety, could possibly advise, until we have certain knowledge that all nations, in concerted action are doing likewise". General Eisenhower believes that until war is eliminated, unpreparedness for it is almost as criminal, as war itself. He wants an effective United Nations with a police power universally recognized, and strong enough to earn universal respect. The General, turned-educator, would rather risk a war of possible annihilation than settle for a "peace" which would be the certain extinction of free man's ideas and ideals. Eisenhower does not specify the areas in which he thinks our military spending is less than it should be. Admiral Sherman has said that he supports the current military budget, but at the same time, has warned that it doesn't provide the Navy with completely adequate means for combating a submarine threat. The House Appropriations

committee was equally frank...saying there is ample warrant for a number of increases in the budget to more adequately prepare this country for an emergency. Increases have not been made because of the necessity for economy and financial stability. The Committee continued, "undoubtedly, we are taking certain grave risks in not being better prepared. By and large, the committee is taking the recommendations of the President and Defense officials. This, concludes, the committee, seems to be the best that can be done...under the circumstances.

The circumstances seem to be a steady increase in the relative air and ground strength of the Soviet Union. A United States that is without an effective radar screen; without sufficient fighter-intercepters and without plans to transfer the seat of government to a less vulnerable area...in fact, without plans to insure that the government, as such, could continue to function in the event of war. These are unpleasant considerations, often the subject of private conversations on high levels, and occassionally, the subject of public warnings such as the one made by General Eisenhower tonight. He also warns against "a tendency among us today to write off our friends in the western nations because they are weak in numbers and weapons." There is a certain tendency here in Washington to write them off in a different fashion; to assume

that those friends and allies must and will do what we want them to do, economically and militarilly, and to take umbrage when they show signs of being reluctant to go along with us in every respect. We concentrate so much upon the two great semi-belligerents, Russia and the United States, we tend to forget there are vast areas... Germany, Japan, India and others that have not yet taken sides in this struggle. We are, I think, too little aware of the fatigue and fear of war in Western Europe, and of the resentment created by our effort to recreate those nations in our economic image. We may say with justice that the resentment is undeserved, but we cannot say with accuracy that it does not exist.

I do nOt pretend to know what our total military budget should be; whether the roughly thirteen billion a year we are now spending is enough, too much, or half enough. But Such figures and intelligences as I have seen, when set-off against Russian production and preparation, lead me to believe that it is not enough. What we are trying to do is to "keep our national economy in balance." That is a favorite phrase of the planners, and it seems to mean that we are trying to buy all the defense we can, without interfering with our luxuries or our standard of living; without demanding further sacrifices from industry or individuals in the form of

new taxes, priorities and controls. We want to keep our cake, with thick frosting, and, at the same time, be adequately prepared to defend it. We are aware that we live dangerously, but at the same time, want to do so in luxury.

Most reasonable military men agree that all of the services acquired wasteful habits during the war and that the cutbacks in military expenditures have resulted in economies which give us more defense per dollar than we were getting two or three years ago. But at the same time, we are being warned, in private and in public, as by General Eisenhower tonight, that we are in danger of our safety, by some of our economies. If, by so doing, we invite disaster, and disaster comes, we can, of course, take such comfort as we may from the fact that we had been warned.

In a somewhat less somber area of speculation, I have concluded that one thing would improve enormously the whole atmosphere and climate of opinion in this wrangling rumor-mongering city of Washington; something that would produce unity, civic pride, maybe even a moratorium on petty partisan politics; something upon which patriotic men of goodwill could unite and shout about. Obviously, what this city needs is a winning ball blub.

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This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

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Well Bob...General Eisenhower in his warning about tonite ~~xxxxxx~~ seemed almost to be paraphrasing Ovid..who said.." Make haste, nor wait the coming hours...He who is unready today will be more so tomorrow.....

good night and good luck

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This is the news:

The Justice Department has given a Senate subcommittee a "summation" of what it has in its files on the man Senator McCarthy calls "the top Russian spy" now "connected" with the State Department. The committee did not get the F.B.I. files. It got an analysis of what THEY contains in refernce to this single case. Attorney General McGrath says "the fact that there is a file (on this as yet publicly unidentified person) does not mean anything.. it is standard practise for the F.B.I. to conduct an investigation on all allegations it receives." On Monday, F.B.I. Chief Hoover and Attorney General McGrath will testify before the committee.

A House un-American activities committee WITNESS today reported that the COMMITTEE has lost, or misplaced, a list of Senators and Representatives who contributed to OR CORRESPONDED WITH the American Slav Congress, [redacted]

The Slav Congress is on the attorney general's subversive list. Committee Chairman Wood says the missing files all concern the period before the Slav Congress was so listed. Later the committee said it had never received the files.

The House armed services committee has approved a 689-million dollar bill to improve our military bases at home.. and to reinforce them in Alaska and the far Pacific. And the Navy says it is adding a small

aircraft carrier and four destroyers to the Pacific fleet this summer.

At Key West today, the President accepted with "particular reluctance" the resignation of Undersecretary of the Army Tracy S. Voorhees. He will leave at the end of June. His boss, Army Secretary Gray, becomes president of the University of North Carolina in September.

Both the Senate and House have now approved a farm bill designed to curb the cost of supporting potatoes crops.. and increase the amount of cotton and peanuts that can be planted under the price support program

The strike of 89-thousand C.I.O. auto workers at Chrysler plants was in its 59th day today. The company offered to put up a 30-million dollar trust fund for a pension plan. The union turned it down because it "falls short of" agreements reached with Chrysler competitors.

Democratic Representative Walter of Pennsylvania proposes that the President call an international conference on the problems of 12-million refugees in Western Germany.

Harry N. Rosenfield, one of the three Displaced Persons Commissioners, said in Boston today:"a small group of Senators are vying

with each other to see who could make speeches which most outraged the facts" concerning the Dee Pee program.

And in western Germany today, three planes loaded with 85 Czechs who've had enough in their own country, landed in our zone.. the biggest mass escape yet from behind the iron curtain.

~~American embassies and legations in the Iron Curtain countries... Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania are now dismissing as many local workers as possible.. to protect them from possible "spy" charge~~

~~In Germany~~

The men who run our army's radio stations in Europe say the Voice of America is being reduced to a whisper.. Once the American Forces Network was heard in Turkey..Scandinavia.. southern France.. and Italy. But since the reassignment of European radio frequencies, the radio service has been crippled..even in Germany.

American embassies in most of the iron curtain countries are now quieteley dismissing as many of their local workers as possible.. to protect them from "spy" charges by the Communist-dominated governments.

In half of Belgium today.. the French-speaking southern half.. an estimated 500-thousand workers joined a 24-hour general strike... against the possibility of King Leopold's return. Thirty eight persons were injured in Brussels where the Socialist-led strikers damaged a number of street cars

At Lake Success, Trygvie Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, said today that it is imperative that the East-west deadlock be broken before the General Assembly meets in September. He said: "If we go into the Assembly with an agenda on which each of the questions is as explosive as they are now, I should not be happy to be present at such a meeting."

Last night General Ike Eisenhower said he was deeply concerned by the extent of our disarmament. This remark produced an immediate reaction here in Washington. The Senate Appropriations subcommittee, now studying the matter of appropriations for next year, has asked the general to come down at his convenience and tell them more. The [redacted] opinion here seems to be that something has happened since the present budget of nearly fourteen billion for defense was approved. General Eisenhower was down here for three months last year helping to iron out money differences among the three services. The chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee says General Eisenhower "had more to do with the military budget than any other person;" told the committee he was for it and that he had no special suggestions. Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services committee agrees with Eisenhower that we have disarmed too much.

Today, Air Secretary Symington and General Hoyt Vandenberg went before the Senate subcommittee to say that the Air Force should have more military strength. Secretary Symington wants back the forty-three million dollars the House committee knocked off his budget. Both airmen are said to have emphasized, in a closed meeting, that they are supporting the President's budget. In London Admiral Sherman, Chief of Naval operations,

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when asked what he thought of General Eisenhower's comment, said he read it with a great deal of interest, and he added, "From a military point of view, it would be certainly desirable that we should have more military strength than we have now". Then he spoke of the problem of having enough military strength and a "reasonable national economy." So we have a situation where the heads of the Air Force and the Navy are saying in effect, we support the President's budget...but it doesn't give us all the defense we need. And then they go on to speak about the need for a "balanced economy." Now, it is clear in history, that no General and no Admiral ever had all the planes, ships, guns and gear they wanted. It is equally true that the military men are not competent to judge how much of a military load the national economy can stand. It is the job of the military to assess the potential of the enemy, the extent of the threat, and then say what they need to meet it. It is, in turn, the final responsibility of the President to determine how much we can afford. And in the final analysis, the Congress must appropriate the money. Apparently, what the gentlemen of the Senate subcommittee hope to get from General Eisenhower, is his opinion of what we need that we haven't got.

of Bronchial Pneumonia

We report with profound personal regret the death in London at the age of fifty-six, of Professor Harold J. Laski. He was a man who believed, with Heywood Broun, that no body-politic is healthy until it begins to itch. Laski was a Socialist. His writings and his lectures contributed much to the philosophical basis of Britain's Labor Party. He was the Chairman of the party in 1945, and one of the principle architects of Labor's victory. He was also the only leader of his party who, on the morning of the victory, had the courage and grace to pay public tribute to the wartime services of Winston Churchill. He cherished his friends, rejoiced in his enemies, and had many of both. His allegiances were fierce, and neutrality was not known to him. Much of his life was spent in controversy; he gloried in it; was always prepared to admit that he was not always right, and his friendship and assistance were freely given, without any effort to exact agreement upon political and economic issues, as a price for that friendship and assistance. More than most professors or pamphleteers, he caused people to think furiously, because he believed that it was only through the exercise of the mind that men could remain free. In addition to that, he thought that thinking, causing the body-politic to itch, to doubt, to question, to resolve, was good fun.

Some calm words today from Fleet Admiral, Chester Nimitz. He says this growing hysteria and war-mongering is endangering the country's national health and vitality. We are even worrying over the hydrogen bomb which we aren't yet sure we can produce. The Admiral spoke praise of Dean Acheson; said he recognized the forces in ferment in Asia and that in his speech in San Francisco last week he nailed the flag of freedom to the top of the mast in that area. Admiral Nimitz was also impressed with Acheson's realistic report on the tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Next week we shall be working from the Pacific Coast...Washington, Oregon and California. ~~XXXX

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Well Bob...this was one of Harold Laskis favourite quotations...

I cant remember the source but here it is..."Tell me what thou hast sown today,

and I will tell thee what thou shalt reap tomorrow.....

Good Night & good Luck x

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Morning

THIS IS THE NEWS;

F.B.I. CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER SAYS THERE ARE THREE BASIC ARGUMENTS AGAINST MAKING THE F.B.I.'S SECRET FILES PUBLIC. IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF FAIR PLAY AND OUR BASIC AMERICAN RIGHTS. IT WOULD MAKE IT COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE F.B.I. TO FUNCTION. AND IT WOULD HELP RUSSIA. MR. HOOVER TOLD THE SENATE GROUP INVESTIGATING THE STATE DEPARTMENT HIS WHOLE INVESTIGATING SYSTEM WILL COLLAPSE IF FILES ARE MADE PUBLIC..SOURCES OF INFORMATION WILL DRY UP.. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WILL BE EXPOSED.. IT WOULD SHOW THE RUSSIANS HOW THE F.B.I. WORKS. IT WOULD DISCLOSE CERTAIN DETAILS ON CERTAIN PEOPLE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE. AND..SAID THE F.B.I. CHIEF, BECAUSE HIS ORGANIZATION DOES NOT SEPERATE TRUTH FROM RUMOR, MERELY CHECKS ALL INFORMATION IT RECEIVES, PUBLICIZING THE FILES WOULD SMEAR INDIVIDUALS. (ULTIMATELY, IT IS THE PRESIDENT WHO MUST DECIDE IF ANY FILES ARE TO EXPOSED.)

THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN DEMANDING THAT THE FILES BE MADE PUBLIC... SENATOR MC CARTHY OF WISCONSIN.. HAS SAID THAT OTHERWISE HE CANNOT PROVE HIS CHARGES OF COMMUNISTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. BUT TODAY THE SENATOR SAID HE HAS FILES OF HIS OWN..INDICATED HE WOULD TURN THEM OVER TO THE F,B.I... FILES CONCERNING ONE CASE; OWEN LATTIMORE.

MR. LATTIMORE, NOW IN AFGHANISTAN WITH A UNITED NATIONS MISSION, DENIES THAT HE IS THE SENATOR'S TOP RUSSIAN SPY IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.. CALLS THAT CHARGE "PURE MOONSHINE."

AND TODAY THE SENATE COMMITTEE HEARD MRS. ESTHER BRUNAUER, A STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYE, DENY A PROOCOMMUNIST CHARGE.. DENY THAT HER HUSBAND IS PRO COMMUNIST. BOTH MRS. BRUNAUER AND HALDORE HANSON -- ANOTHER STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYE ATTACKED BY SENATOR MCCARTHY, COMPLAINED TO THE COMMITTEE OF A "SUSPICION OF HATE" RAISED AGAINST THEM BY THE FALSE CHARGE.

THE SUPREME COURT TODAY TOOK NOTE OF WHAT SOME HAVE CALLED A FEAR OF INVESTIGATION AMONG GOVERNMENT WORKERS. THE COURT, BY A FIVE TO TWO VOTE, DECIDED THAT EUGENE DENNIS, THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HAD A FAIR TRIAL, EVEN THOUGH SEVEN JURORS WERE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS. DENNIS HAD ARGUED, ON APPEAL OF A CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS CONVICTION, THAT YOU CAN'T GET A FAIR VERDICT FROM JURORS WHO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THE MAJORITY ON THE COURT AGREES. BUT MR. JUSTICE BLACK..WHO DISSENTED WITH MR. JUSTICE FRANKFRUTER, SAID "THE PREVAILING PATTERN OF LOYALTY INVESTIGATIONS AND THREATENED PURGES" MAKES IT "UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY" FROM FEDERAL WORKERS ON JURY DUTY.

FOR A SECOND TIME THE COURT HAS REFUSED TO REVIEW A LOWER COURT DECISION

HOLDING THE HIRING HALLS OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY TO BE ILLEGAL UNDER THE TAFT-HARTLEY LAW, WHICH FORBIDS THE CLOSED SHOP.

AT KEY WEST TODAY THE PRESIDENT TALKED THINGS OVER WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY JOHNSON FOR TWO HOURS. MR. JOHNSON THEN TOLD REPORTERS HE DISAGREES WITH GENERAL EISNHOWER WHO LAST WEEK EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS OVER THE STATE OF OUR DEFENSES. THE SECRETARY SAYS OUR DEFENSE IS ADEQUATE FOR THE MOMENT, THAT GENERAL IKE APPROVED THE BUDGET THAT HE NOW CONSIDERS INADEQUATE IN SOME RESPECTS.

MR. TRUMAN TODAY MADE PUBLIC A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO REPUBLICAN SENATOR VANDENBERGH. THE SENATOR HAS CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE FULL ADMINISTRATION REQUEST OF THREE AND THREE QUARTER BILLIONS FOR THE MARSHAL PLAN. THE PRESIDENT WROTE THE SENATOR..WHO IS ILL.. THAT HE HOPES "THE LORD WILL BE GOOD TO THE COUNTRY, AND HURRY ALONG YOUR PHYSICAL RECOVERY."

THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS PHILLIP JESSUP, RECENTLY UNDER ATTACK AS A PRO-COMMUNIST, WILL REMAIN AS OUR ROVING AMBASSADOR.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OBJECTS TO THE RUSSIAN CHANGE IN THE RUBLE RATE.. CALLS IT COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED. IT USED TO BE EIGHT TO ONE. NOW ITS FOUR RUBLES TO ONE DOLLAR. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS THIS WILL ADD ONE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO THE COST OF RUNNING OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

MRS. ROOSEVELT BATTLED BRIEFLY TODAY WITH A RUSSIAN DELEGATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE RUSSIAN SAID THE UNITED STATES USES THE U.N. FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.. THEN HE WALKED OUT. MRS. ROOSEVELT SAID THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH OF PROPAGANDA SPEECHES. THEN SHE WAS REELECTED TO HEAD THE COMMISSION FOR A FIFTH TERM.

THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON ADMITTING ALASKA AND HAWAII TO THE UNION. THE HOUSE HAS APPROVED BOTH TERRITORIES.

THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS SAY THEIR NAVY SANK MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED COMMUNIST JUNKS OFF SHANGHAI ON SUNDAY.

EARLY RETURNS FROM SUNDAYS ELECTION IN YUGOSLAVIA SHOW MARSHAL TITO AND HIS PARTY TO BE GETTING MORE THAN 95 PER CENT OF THE VOTE. THERE WAS NO OTHER PARTY ON THE BALLOT.. BUT ONE COULD RISK THE CHANCE OF REGISTERING A VOTE AGAINST TITO.

IN BRITAIN, THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY HAS BEEN CUT TO THREE..BY THE DEATH OF ANOTHER MEMBER OF COMMONS.

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KIRO Seattle...Editors...Ross Cunningham/Seattle Times... Bud.

Elsworth C French.. Spokane Chronicle...

Whats top news here today.....

Hysteria... why

Hows Business....whats source of strength...

How do farmers feel about the Brannon plan...Bud French....

Noticed any increase in interest in Foreign News....

What about the future...any chance of a new opening of the west....

Whats attitude toward our China policy...specifically reaction to Achesons speech in SF...

Concern about commmnist infiltration at state level... Langley.

This country reminds me of something Hal Borland once wrote...~~Away from the city jitter~~

"Away from the jittery cities, stand on a hilltop, with the heart of america around you, and you can feel the strong beat of faith in the future....

good night and good luck....

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Monday, March 27, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCER: ... C O M M E R C I A L ...

MURROW: This is the news: F.B.I. chief J. Edgar Hoover says there are 3 basic arguments against making the FBI secret files public. It would be a violation of fair play and our basic American rights. It would make it completely impossible for the FBI to function and it would help Russia.

Mr. Hoover told the Senate group investigating the State Department his whole investigating system would collapse if the files were made public, sources of information will dry up, confidential information will be exposed; it would show the Russians howthe FBI works; it would disclose certain details on certain people that the Russians are anxious to have. And, said the FBI chief, because his organization does not separate truth from rumor, merely checks all information it receives, publicising the files would smear individuals. Ultimately, it is the President who must decide if any files are to be exposed.

The man who has been demanding that the files be made public, Senator McCarthy, of Wisconsin, has said that otherwise he cannot prove his charges of communists in the State Department. But, today, the senator said he x has files of his own, indicated he would turn them over to the FBI, files concerning one case, Owen Lattimore.

Mr. Lattimore, now in Afghanistanwith the United Nations Mission, denies that he is the senator's top Russian spy in the State Dept. He calls that charge pure moonshine.

And today the senate committee heard Mrs. Esther Brunauer, a State Department employee, deny a pro-Communist charge, deny that her husband is pro-Communist. Both Mrs. Brunauer and Haldore Hanson, another State Department employee attacked by Senator McCarthy, complained to the

committee of a suspicion of hate raised against them by the false charge.

The Supreme Court today took note of what some have called a fear of investigation among government workers. The court, by a 5-to-2 vote, decided that Eugene Dennis, the secretary of the Communist party, had a fair trial, even though 7 jurors were Federal government workers.

Dennis had argued on appeal of a contempt of congress conviction that you can't get a fair verdict from jurors who work for the government. The majority on the court agrees. But Mr. Justice Black, who dissented with Mr. Justice Frankfurter, said the prevailing pattern of loyalty investigations are threatened purges, makes it unrealistic to expect complete impartiality from federal workers on a jury duty.

For a second time the court has refused to review a lower court decision holding the hiring halls of the maritime industry to be illegal under the Taft-Hartley law, which forbids the closed shop.

At Key West today - the President talked things over with Defense Secretary Johnson for 2 hours. Mr. Johnson then told reporters he disagrees with General Eisenhower, who last week expressed some doubts over the state of our defenses. The Secretary says 'our defense is adequate for the moment,' that General Ike approved the budget that he now considers inadequate in some respects.

Mr. Truman today made public a letter of appreciation to Republican Senator Vandenberg. The senator has called for approval of the full administration request of 3-3/4-billions forthe Marshall Plan. The President wrote the senator, who is ill, that he 'hopes the Lord will be good to the country and hurry along your physical recovery.'

The White House says Philip Jessup, recently under attack as a pro-Communist, will remain as our roving ambassador.

The State Department objects to the Russian change in the ruble rate, calls it completely unjustified. It used to be 8-to-1; now it's 4 rubles to $1.00. The State Department says this will add $1-million a year

to the cost of running our embassy in Moscow.

Mrs. Roosevelt battled briefly today with the Russian delegate in the UnitedNations Commission on Human Rights. Andthe Russian said the United States uses the UN for political purposes. Then he walked out. Mrs. Roosevelt said that that would be enough of propaganda speeches. Then, she was re-elected to head the commission fora 5th term.

The Senate Interior Committee has agreed to hold hearings on admitting Alaska andHawaii to the union. The House has approved both territories.

The Chinese Nationalists say their Navy sank more than 100 Communist junks off Shanghai on Sunday.

Early returns from Sunday's election in Yugoslavia show Marshal Tito and his party to be getting more than 95% of the vote. There was no other party on the ballot, but one could risk the chance of registering a vote against Tito.

In Britain - the Labor government's majority has been cut to 3 by the death of another member of Commons.

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This broadcast is coming from one of my favorite radio stations, KIRO, in Seattle, and I have found that in wandering around this country or any other country it's always a very useful thing to go first or at least second to have a talk with the local editor. And since I lived and worked long enough in this state to know that it is divided by the snow-capped ridge of the Cascade Mountains. we have oneeditor sitting here in Seattle and another at the end of the telephone line in Spokane, andthe editor here in Seattle is Ross Cunningham, who is the associate editor of the Seattle Times. Overin Spokane, we have Ellsworth C. better known as 'Bud French' of the Spokane Chronicle.

Ross, what's the top news here in Seattle today?

CUNNINGHAM: I think we're talking about Daylight Saving here today and ...

MURROW: Well, we'll conclude that that isn't something of national interest and pass on to something else. Ross, what I really want to ask you is several people have been saying in the East recently that this country is getting rather hysterical and we're much too much excited, what's the feeling here in the Pacific northwest?

CUNNINGHAM: Oh, there's no hysteria here in the Pacific northwest. We're taking all this business in international affairs in our stride.

MURROW: Bud, what would you say about that in Spokane?

FRENCH: I believe Ross is correct -we people in the northwest don't become hysterical, we're deeply interested in the facts of the situation and we'd like to see them develop more quickly than they have been.

MURROW: Well, now this is important information - why this pleasant state of affairs here in the Pacific northwest, what would you say to that Ross?

CUNNINGHAM: I ~~mmkkmkk~~ don't think anyone could give you a definite reason for it, but there's just no plain alarm here. You usedthe word 'hysteria,' Ed, everyone in this country is going about making their plans for their vacations or making their plans to build houses that

they're going to live here the next 50 years.

MURROW: Well, then it seems to me that you have plenty of room to expand and mountains to look at, and lakes in which to swim and fish and so forth, and you take a rather more considered and casual view of this turbulent world, is that right?

CUNNINGHAM: Oh, I think so, I think it's the reason we spend so much time out around those mountains and these trees and the beaches, we don't have time to sit around talking about the troubles of the world. MURROW: Why, you were saying a little earlier that you thought perhaps a little more restraint on the part of radio commentators and people who write columns in the newspapers might contribute to the general sense of quietude in the country.

CUNNINGHAM: There are too many ominous voices in the world today, Ed, I think we could have a little more restraint and a little more perspective on these things.

MURROW: Well, now, Bud French is over in Spokane, where there's a a lot of great farming country, what do the farmers in the eastern part of Washington feel about the Brennan Plan, Bud?

FRENCH: Farmers in eastern Washington farm two or three sections of land and as they view this plan they believe it's a point system which would react very definitely to the detriment of the large operator. I think some of them might be regarded as opposing the plan generally because they are such large operators.

MURROW: But everybody is for Grand Coulee, are they, Bud?

FRENCH: Well, everybody's for Grand Coulee and that same calmness that Ross speaks about over in western Washington is prevailing with us, we're planning for about 50,000 homes in the Columbia Basin area very soon.

MURROW: You're going to irrigate something like a million acres over there, aren't you eventually?

FRENCH: That's correct, and the water is about to go unto the project very soon.

MURROW: Well, now I'd like to ask the two of you a professional question, have you noticed any interest let us say/an increased interest in the last 5 years in foreign news out here in the northwest? What woul you say to that, Ross?

CUNNINGHAM: Oh, there's been a tremendous increase in foreign news as the result of the war and I think that the interest in foreign news, Ed, began to rise here about the time you were broadcasting from London, years ago ... famous voice in the Pacific Northwest.

MURROW: Well, what would you say to that, not about the famous voice in the Pacific Northwest, but about the interest in foreign news, Bud?

FRENCH: Well, that's similarly true over here. We have particularly coming out of the Japan now we've hadcommissions over here recently looking into the power development in the northwest. They seem to have a large power project over there - they're going through our industries, they're trying to learn and naturally that causes greater rehability and interest in their country.

MURROW: Well, now what about the future out here, do you see any chance of a reopening of the west or a new expansion of any kind, Ross?

CUNNINGHAM: Oh, that's underway. We see the Grand Coulee project, which is right in Bud's bailiwick over there, as the real great future of the United States and it's gradually expanding into a tremendous project that should interest the whole United States.

MURROW: Well, now what's the attitude out here about our China policy, the reaction to Dean Acheson's speech in San Francisco recently, Ross?

CUNNINGHAM: I wouldsay that the people here generally thought Acheson's San Francisco speech was some more of the same; there's been so much con-

troversy back and forth with the Russians about will they do this or will we do that that we're becoming immune to it. On the China policy, Ed, this is probably a personal opinion, but China has been blundered terrifically.

MURROW: Well, what would you say to that, Bud?

FRENCH: Well, I think that Ross has summed it up pretty well. It goes back however to mmk what I said earlier, I think that we want to get down to some facts, we get so much of this side and that side, you can't put your finger on anything and see there we're going.

MURROW: Well, gentlemen, our time is just about up. It remains for me to thank these two distinguished newspapermen, who've given me and I'm sure you so much of their wisdom and judgment. It's always a great pleasure to get back to the Pacific Northwest again and findthat people living close to mountains andrivers and lakes take a rather calm and unexcited view of this at times rather exciting world. I've been sitting here for the last few minutes talking with Ross Cunningham, the associated editor of the Seattle Times, and Ellsworth C. 'Bud French,' who is sitting over in our studios in Spokane.

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MURROW: I've been thinking that this country out here rather reminds me of something Hal Borland once wrote, when he said: 'Away from the jittery cities stand on a hilltop with the heart of America around you and you can feel the strong beat of faith in the future.' What I've been talking with ..(sic) .. what I've been talking about with these two gentlemen hmmm here has not been rehearsed, but I think I havefelt something of a strong beat of faith in the future.

Good night andGood Luck!

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EDWARD R. MURROW

Tuesday, March 28, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

ANNC'R: (C O M M E R C I A L)

And here is your Franco-American newscaster, Edward R. Murrow.

MURROW: THIS IS THE NEWS:

The President today refused to turn over to a Senate committee the Government's loyalty files. The committee then subpoenaed them, knowing that the President has ordered the State and Justice Departments and the Civil Service Commission not to give them to the committee. It's going to be a battle. And Republican Senate leader Wherry says that if the President does not release the files, he should be held in contempt of the Senate, with an ultimate test on who is right to be settled by the courts. The Senate committee investigating Communists in the State Department has asked for the papers on 89 persons named by Senator McCarthy as pro-Communists. The committee acted, after the President --much in the manner of FBI Chief Hoover -- told the group that to give it loyalty files would be a threat to the FBI, a betrayal of confidence and it would hurt innocent people. At the same time, Mr. Truman ordered the Government's Loyalty Board to review each of the cases named by Senator McCarthy. One of those men, Haldore Hanson of the State Department, today completely denied McCarthy's charges and dared him to make his statements in public, so that a suit could be started.

At Key West, the White House has made it known that the President warmly endorses a statement by former War Secretary Stimson. Mr. Stimson said, "This is not the time to let noisy antics of a few upset the steady purposes of the country or distract its leaders from their proper tasks." Mr. Truman today expressed his deep regret over the death, in an airplane accident, of Laurence A. Steinhardt, our Ambassador to Canada. Mr. Steinhardt and four members of the embassy staff were killed when their Air Force plane crashed shortly after taking off from Ottawa. One crew member parachuted to safety. Mr. Steinhardt served during the war as Ambassador to Moscow and to Turkey.

He was 57 years old, a veteran of seventeen years in the State Department.

In Washington the House today voted tentatively to cut 250 millions from the Administration's request for foreign aid. The House also decided not to substitute surplus foods for one billion dollars in Marshall Plan aid.

At The Hague today the Chiefs of Staff of eleven Atlantic Pact countries unanimously approved a master plan for their common defense, assigned zones of responsibility to meet any attack. This must now be approved by the Defense Ministers of all nations.

The State Department says the North Atlantic Pact Council will meet in London in the middle of May. At the same time the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers will survey the world scene. Secretary of State Acheson will take a Republican to London as his chief adviser. He's John Sherman Cooper, a former Senator from Kentucky.

In London today Winston Churchill said he does not believe there will be another war soon, because neither side could prevent the fearful cataclysms which would mark the opening of such a war. Mr. Churchill, who pledged Conservative support of the Labor Government's foreign policy, also called for British, American, French and German soldiers to stand in line together on honorable terms of comradeship, as part of a combined system of defense in Europe.

In China today the Nationalists report that they again landed a raiding force on the Communist-held mainland. The Nationalists also say they've stopped the Communist invasion of strategic Hainan Island in a seventeen-hour battle.

This broadcast is coming from KGW in Portland, Oregon. I've spent most of the day in one of the most remarkable modern and beautiful newspaper plants that I have ever seen, the Portland Oregonian. I spent most of the afternoon talking with Phil Parrish, the editor. And I persuaded him to come down here and answer a few questions.

Phil, what's the big local story in Portland today.

PARRISH: As a matter of fact, Mr. Murrow, I was up to my ankles in it when you came in today, head first. And that's the big story across the river in our ... part of our community of Vancouver, where the evidence is that there's quite a definite lack of law enforcement, as a result of laxness over a period of time, resulting in the death of this girl thru gangsterism or something of this sort.

MURROW: Well, let's leave the local story. I'd like to put you a question on rather a more national basis. You'll remember, I'm sure, that in the last few days Admiral Nimitz and General Eisenhower and various people have rather deplored the general hysteria that they feel is prevalent in the country. Do you find any people hysterical or excited out here, Mr. Parrish?

PARRISH: Well, I was walking down the street Sunday afternoon with the first edition of our story, Mr. Murrow, of the finding of the body of this Miss Dewey over there. And one of the biggest merchants of this city stopped me on the street and he started to ask me about what was doing in national affairs, international affairs, and I opened up the paper with the story of this local event. And he forgot all about it right immediately, and then we got to talking about it and he said, "that's an evidence of our feeling out here at the present time." He says, "I get so tired of wearing out my brain, trying to settle international problems, that any local problem is a relief to me."

MURROW: Then, it's your conclusion, Mr. Parrish, that no one out here is particularly hysterical or unduly concerned about this uncertain world in which we live. Is that right?

PARRISH: They're very concerned, but they've been concerned to the point where they no longer feel that individually they can contribute anything until matters become more definite. The same wearing-down process over a period of years get them to the point where the nervous system can't react anymore.

MURROW: I see. Well, what was the reaction out here to Secretary of

State Dean Acheson's speech in San Francisco?

PARRISH: Well, the reaction out here ... I was in New York at the time of that speech, and, of course, being ...(unintelligible) myself, I paid some attention to it. But when I came back here, as a matter of fact, everybody had forgotten about it. I almost answered you, "what speech?", when you asked me that question. If you want My personal reaction to it, Mr. Murrow, I remember Point 7 in particular, where he said, "one of the points of agreement was to refrain from systematic distorting of the picture." Well, that's just like saying, "I agree not to beat my child, anymore," you know.

MURROW: Well, let's talk for a minute about Oregon. How's business?

PARRISH: Well, we're two per cent in our store sales from what we were last year, and maybe we ought to fling ourselves out the window. (laughter)

MURROW: Well, that answers that. Mr. Parrish, tell me, what are the chances for new developments in the West? I mean ...

PARRISH: (unintelligible) ... on this local matter. During the winter, nationally, the public may have seen that we were, along in January or February there somewhere, 19% unemployed - higher than any other state in the union.

MURROW: Yes, I remember that.

PARRISH: Which they might get a very bad impression from. But we're very a highly seasonable area out here, with our woods and so forth, and we had a very bad winter. And we bounced right back. That didn't really mean anything in particular.

MURROW: Well, Mr. Parrish, tell me this, have you noticed any increase or decrease in the interest in foreign news here in Oregon?

PARRISH: Oh my goodness! I Think the decrease in foreign news has been very extensive over ... I mean, not extensive, but has been gradual and accumulativ thru the very same thing that I was talking about before. You just have to go down after a while; you can't stand any more of it.

MURROW: Well, we were talking this afternoon about broadcasters who make big statements and people who write columns and so forth, and you waxed rather

eloquent on that subject. What do you think of them?

PARRISH: My friends that used to turn ... my friends who used to turn to all you national broadcasters the very first thing you turned on (?) -- and you, too, Mr. Murrow -- all right -- are now looking for something, some break, something that they can get their teeth into, something that they can have a part in, rather than this bewildering national and international situation which they are glad to come back to if they can help. (???)

MURROW: Well, I'd like to get clear on that. Is it your feeling that people want facts, or that they want some sort of agitation as to what they should do?

PARRISH: They don't want any more agitation. They want facts. They want something they can help with.

MURROW: Well, I'd like to go back to a question I asked you earlier, and that is the possibility of some new x development of a new West, of an expansion of new areas.

PARRISH: Well, the new West is here, because we had been ... our area was in a remote position in the nation, with a terrific problem of industrial development because we had no coal to speak of and we had no oil to speak of. Now we're developing our great river system and electricity, and as a result of our locality and our good climate, the people want to come here, they are coming here, and if we can meet their needs with the development of this new type of power, water power, well, we're going to have the best area of the nation. We do already, but I mean as far as actually meeting the needs of a great population is concerned.

MURROW: Well, I notice one thing here in Portland that you don't find in the rest of the country, and that is that even the outsides of the buildings are clean. There is none of this soot and dirt and smoke that you find in most of the rest of the country.

PARRISH: That's right. You can tell red from blue and pink and all the rest of it when you come back to the Northwest -- and you are a Northwester

ner, Mr. Murrow -- because we don't use coal or the smoky materials; we have this basic power material.

MURROW: Thank you very much, indeed, Phil Parrish of the Portland, Oregonian.

(EXTREMELY POOR SPEAKER)

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It has always seemed to me that San Francisco is one of those cities ~~the~~ that has a character, and personality, all its own...Will Rogers once said... "I bet San Francisco was a city from the very first time it had a dozen settlers...Cities are like gentlemen..they are born,not made...You are either a city, or you are not..(size has nothing to do with it..) New york said Will Rodgers, is yokel,but San Francisco is a city at heart....

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Governor, how's your family?

WARREN: Fine, Ed, and I hope yours as well.

MURROW: Very well, indeed! Tell me, I understand from the local reports that you managed to get the baseball season opened yesterday. Is that right?

WARREN: We opened it in a big way. I saw two ballgames, the opening of the season, and in the two ballgames I saw 57 hits, 56 runs, and they used 28 pitchers. I pitched the opening ball in both games and I worked as long as most of those pitchers did.

MURROW: Well, that goes to prove that you do things in a big way out here in California, Governor. Governor, what's the state of mind here in California? Do you find there's much apprehension about the international situation?

WARREN: No, Ed. I feel that there is much concern, but not what you could call apprehension. I don't believe there is any hysteria here. We're concerned, of course, about world conditions and we're even uncertain about many situations as a result of the news that emanates from the capitals of the world, but, as we look out on the broad Pacific, we see no reason why we cannot have a peaceful world if people of goodwill will continue to work for it.

MURROW: Well, Governor, what's the reaction here in California to stories about Communist penetration of the Government and that sort of thing?

WARREN: Well, I've heard no accusation at all of any Communist penetration in our local governments out here and our state government or in the regional departments of theFederal Government. We recognize the Communist menace. We want no truck with Communists, but we're not terribly concerned about the situation as we find it out here. We're not worrying about A-bombs and

H-bombs going to drop on us each night when we go to bed.

MURROW: Well, now, let me ask you a local question about the professors at the California universities. Do you feel that they should be asked to take a special loyalty oath?

WARREN: I personally felt that the oath that is good enough for the President of the United States, the Governor of California, and all the other state and Federal officers is good enough for the faculty. By "good enough," I mean that if it's a loyalty oath for us, it ought to be a loyalty oath for them. I see no reason why we should single out the faculty of the university and require them to take an oath that is different from that taken by the rest of us.

MURROW: And, then, it's your feeling that this controversy between the professors and the regents-? regions will eventually be compromised, is that it, Governor?

WARREN: Well, I sincerely hope so and I'm hopeful that it will be because otherwise it will hurt our university and the unfortunate part of it is that there is no disagreement between the regents or between the regents and the faculty as to whether or not Communists should be kept out of the university and everyone is agreed on that. It's just a question of method as to whether the faculty should be required to take an oath that is different from taken by the President, the Governor, and all other officers of government.

MURROW: Well, Governor, another question about the great State of California. As you know, the census is being taken. What do you think is going to be revealed about this State as a result of the census?

WARREN: Well, I'll tell you. We're just all excited about the census that's to be taken. We're anxious to have the findings recorded as soon as possible and I believe that we need the facts perhaps more than they do in other parts of the country. The great growths that we've had here in California of course, makes it essential for us to know many of the facts that the census will determine for us in our economic and our social life. We want to know just

exactly how we are integrating these millions who have come to our State.

MURROW: Of course, you'll probably get some additional representatives out of it, too, won't you?

WARREN: Well, if the House of Representatives remains on the same basis as it is now, I suppose we'll pick up somewhere between eight and ten congressmen.

MURROW: And this population increase is continuing, is it? There has been no diminution?

WARREN: Well, there has been diminution from the peak in migration at the time of the war, but it's our estimate that at the present time our in-migration exceeds our out-migration by about fifteen thousand per month.

MURROW: Well, now, Governor, you're always interested in news, domestic and foreign news, would you say that there's been any increase or decrease in the interest in foreign news in California?

WARREN: The ..... (interruption)

MURROW: Over the last five years?

WARREN: Over the last five years. Oh, I believe there is a tremendous increase in the interest, not only among grown people but among young people, in the schools and in the colleges and the universities. That is quite obvious to me and it's a very wholesome interest that they're manifesting.

MURROW: I was talking with a group of businessmen here in San Francisco today at lunch and they suggested that one might well find out more of what's going on in the country if we went around and asked the children.

WARREN: There's more truth than poetry to that, too!

MURROW: Governor, another question. What are you doing about civilian defense in the State of California?

WARREN: We have had some communications from the United States Government asking us to set up some projects looking toward a civilian defense program. We have had no pattern of civilian defense program given to us up to the present time and we're complying with each request as we get it. We ask-

waged a lot of things from our civilian defense program in World War II. We're prepared to do whatever the Government wants us to do, but the thing that pleases me most is the objective way in which our people approach these problems. Whether the Government asked us for air raid warning programs or whether it asks us to do something in connection with atomic energy, our people just approach it in an objective way. There's no hysteria and there's no reluctance to go forward. It's a very, very wholesome attitude that the public has toward the whole situation.

MURROW: Well, you seem certainly to agree with Governor Langlie, of Washington. I was talking with him the other day and he said that up there there is no sense of hysteria or great excitement; that people have their feet on the ground and they're rather calm about the whole situation.

WARREN: I'm convinced of that in our State.

MURROW: Governor, I have a question here, which I asked you earlier on the telephone today ..... (interruption)

WARREN: Wouldn't be personal, would it?

MURROW: It would, indeed, and I think I can at least x report the substance of that conversation. I asked Governor Warren if he had any comments to make about 1952 and I think what he said was that he would be very glad to see me in a couple of years if I would come back and ask the question then. Is that a fair summation of what you said, Governor?

WARREN: I think that's satisfactory, Ed.

MURROW: Well, thank you very much, indeed, Governor Warren, for driving down here from Sacramento and answering these questions.

WARREN: You're entirely welcome, Ed, and we're happy to have you in California.

MURROW: Thank you, sir, very much!

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MURROW: Thank you, sir, very much.

Governor, it's always seemed to me that San Francisco is one of those cities that has a certain character and personality all its own. Will Rogers once said, "I bet San Francisco was a city from the very first time it had a dozen settlers." Cities are like gentlemen - they're born, not made. You are either a city or you are not. Size has nothing to do with it. "New York," said Will Rogers, "is yokel, but San Francisco is a city at heart."

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EDWARD R. MURROW

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ANNOUNCER: (Commercial)

And here is your Franco-American newscaster - Edward R. Murrow!

MURROW: This ... is the news! The President is fed up with Republican attacks on the State Department. He told reporters at Key West this afternoon "the greatest asset the Kremlin has is the partisan attempt in the Senate to sabotage the bipartisan foreign policy of the United States." He said this is the work of some Senators - McCarthy, of Wisconsin; Wherry, of Nebraska; Bridges, of New Hampshire. Mr. Truman said they're trying to create a campaign issue for the fall elections. He said sabotaging our foreign policy in the Cold War is just as bad as trying to shoot soldiers in the back in a hot war. He called Senator McCarthy, in particular, the Kremlin's greatest asset; said his charge of Communism in the State Department has turned out to be a fiasco. He defended Secretary of State Acheson as one who will go down in history as one of our greatest secretaries. The President called Ambassador Jessup one of our most distinguished citizens. He said the charge against Owen Lattimore is silly on the face of it. Senators Wherry and Bridges say the only persons they're trying to sabotage are subversives in the State Department.

Senator McCarthy was busy today, talking to the Senate about Owen Lattimore, whom he has described as the top Russian espionage agent connected with the State Department. Today, the Senator said perhaps he has over-emphasized the spy business, but, he said he has a secret witness, a former high Communist official who will tell the FBI that he knew Mr. Lattimore as a Communist. The Senator also waved documents before his colleagues and said they will show that Lattimore is a Soviet agent. Senator McCarthy also said today that the top persons in the State Department's Far Eastern Division, and

in the Voice of America are more in sympathy with Communism than with democracy. He made it clear he is referring to a small percent of the people in both departments. Mr. Lattimore, flying home to answer McCarthy's charges, today called them hogwash, moonshine, hokum, and unmitigated lie.

The President has named Air Secretary Symington to become head of the National Security Resources Board. No successor yet for the Air Force job. And Frank Pace, Jr., the Budget Director, will take over immediately as Secretary of the Army. He succeeds Gordon Gray, who will special work on foreign trade for a few months. The new Budget Director will be Frederick J. Lawton, the present Assistant Director. Mr. Truman also told reporters he doesn't have the slightest belief that our defenses have fallen below the safety point. He says there is no fundamental difference between him and General Eisenhower on this, but the General is a military man; can't be blamed for wanting perfection. The President must think of overall economy. A number of Representatives seem to agree with General Ike's fears that we are "taking chances" by not spending more for the military. The General recommended another five hundred million dollars. The House Armed Services Committee wants to add six hundred and forty-seven million to the present budget; mostly for airplanes.

A Navy patrol plane today reported seeing an unidentified submarine periscope some forty miles off the California-Oregon coast. Navy planes are searching the area and a destroyer has been sent to check on a fishing vessel's report that a sub was sighted four miles offshore in the same area. The Navy tells us that a submarine has the right to go anywhere as long as it doesn't invade the territorial waters of another country, that is, the three-mile limit.

Speaker Rayburn today commented on the House action yesterday, the action to withhold Marshall Plan funds from Britain until Ireland is united. He called it "terribly unfortunate"; said it's probably done us great harm in the world. In Northern Ireland there is indignation. In Southern

Ireland cheer; in London, as one Foreign Office spokesman put it, stoical calm.

The Secretary of State Acheson told a Senate Committee today it would be unwise to cut the request of forty-five million the President wants for his Point Four program. The Secretary said this is a cheap way to get big results in the worldwide fight for freedom.

The Labor Department says college graduates are going to find it tougher to get jobs this year than at any time since the war ended.

In France, Leon Blum, 77-year-old Socialist, died today. He had been Premier three times.

And the western European Foreign Ministers today voted unanimously to invite Germany and the Saar to join the Council of Europe as associate members.

This broadcast is coming from KNX, in Hollywood. In our progress down the Pacific coast we've been talking to people familiar with this area. Tonight, we have two of the best-known news broadcasters on the coast, two old friends of mine - Chet Huntley and Nelson Pringle, better known as Pete.

Well, since the sun is shining and this is Southern California, which of you two fellows would like to start off with the Chamber of Commerce speech?

VOICE: Well, we still have the sunshine and where we once had a reputation for that and screwballs, now we have success stories and smog. Because we rate first in the manufacture of aircraft, and aircraft parts, and pumps and compressors, and refrigeration equipment; we still can seafood, but, down the list of "firsts" is motion pictures which brought fame to this city before it became industrialized.

SECOND VOICE: Well, we're second, Ed, in women's, misses' outing wear, Preston blown glass, concrete and plaster products, automobile assembly, automobile tire and tube production, mill work, oil field machinery and tools.

MURROW: Well, shall I give you the Chamber of Commerce decoration now or wait until we finish the program?

VOICE: He asked for it, didn't he?

SECOND VOICE: Yeah!

MURROW: But, seriously, we've been asking along the coast about the climate of opinion out here -- how much worry and excitement is there?

VOICE: Well, I wouldn't use the word "hysteria." I would shun that word, Ed, but I would certainly say that there is concern out here over foreign affairs and concern over certain regional problems; certainly, over some of our domestic problems, but I don't believe there's any hysteria.

MURROW: What would you say, Pete?

PRINGLE: Well, it's pushed into the background by all these post-war problems of ours and our adjustments and the fact that we're still producing man's oldest need - food, and man's newest need - jet planes.

MURROW: Well, let's go on to something else. What's been the reaction out here to the Republican charges in the Congress that there are Communists in high places in the Government? What would you say to that, Huntley?

HUNTLEY: Again, I would shun the word hysteria, Ed, but I would say again there is vital concern and I would concede that the State Department has taken a bit of a drubbing in the past three or four weeks; rightfully or wrongly so is another question of course.

MURROW: By "taking a bit of drubbing" do you mean that confidence in the State Department has to a certain extent been undermined?

HUNTLEY: I'm certain of it!

MURROW: Pete, do you agree with that?

PRINGLE: Yes, certainly!

MURROW: Well, what's happened to the general interest in foreign news in California? Go ahead, Pete!

PRINGLE: Well, our interest in Europe, of course, is that of the rest of the country, but we're more interested in the Far East. We're closest to it. Across the Pacific was a lot of trade that we've lost. There are other relations that we've had with the Pacific countries and peoples from them that is now rapidly moving out of the picture.

MURROW: Here we find two newsmen disagreeing!

HUNTLEY: Well, that's happened before!

MURROW: Yes!

HUNTLEY: I wouldn't say we're more interested in the Far East. Maybe we're equally interested in the Far East, but our old social ties are still in western Europe, Ed, and what applies to the east coast I think very well applies here and we are still concerned with a lot of the problems of western and central Europe.

MURROW: Well, now, let's stop juggling hemispheres for a minute and talk about local problems. What are your most pressing local problems here in California?

PRINGLE: (?) One is water, certainly. Someone in San Francisco quipped here a while back - "water is no longer where you find it. Water is where we put it." I think in the foreseeable future, Ed, we're going to see some tremendous, terrific projects out here. It may involve switching the course of the Columbia River to bring it a thousand miles to the south. It may involve the installation of atomic energy plants down here on the beach to distill sea water, but we've just simply got to have it and we'll get it.

MURROW: Well, they told me in Portland the other day they were not going to let you have the Columbia River, but what's another pressing problem? ... Pete.

PRINGLE: Well, we can still condense the Pacific Ocean!

PRINGLE: Well, another one is the freight rates and on that Chet is more of an authority.

HUNTLEY: Well, it so happens that in this business of freight rates, Ed, there are many shippers and producers out here who are simply up against the problem of being no longer being able to compete in the eastern market. That applies in some respects right at this current moment with the citrus industry. What do you do with this citrus? You're no longer able to sell it. Some of the producers and shippers declare they're in the position

of not being able to get along with the railroads and they're not able to get along without them, so I know more than one lemon grower, orange grower, grapefruit grower, who has cut down his trees and decided to get out of the citrus business and maybe plant mustard or lettuce or something else.

MURROW: Well, is this because your freight rates make it impossible for you to compete in eastern markets so far as your citrus output is concerned?

HUNTLEY: Yes, that's the statement of the shippers and growers.

MURROW: Well, now, what about this political situation here in the State of California with Governor Warren and James Roosevelt and this system where it seems that everyone runs on both parties? I think that requires a little explanation.

HUNTLEY: Well, personally, just speaking as an individual, and this is an opinion, I like it. It makes for increased excitement along about election time, Ed. It has a tendency ..... (interruption) this business of cross-filing, I'm sure that's what you're talking about?

MURROW: That's right!

HUNTLEY: It has a tendency to destroy party organizations and it is each man for himself. It makes a very good dog fight along about election time and I do think it works in this way, too, that it has a tendency to give the independent voter in the State a greater opportunity to decide. He's more inclined to elect what he thinks is the man for the job rather than to go along with the party platform.

PRINGLE: But it still forces (inaudible). James Roosevelt said that he didn't want to cross-file; he didn't believe in it, but he wouldn't give an opponent an unfair advantage.

MURROW: Well, that's been heard before in politics, hasn't it? Well, I think we have time for at least one more question. What's going to be the outcome of this demand that the Professors at the University sign a special loyalty oath?

HUNTLEY: It's going to be compromised. As Governor Warren said on your program, I think, yesterday, Ed ..... (inter.)

MURROW: ..... checking up to see if he was right!

HUNTLEY: I think he was! The Board of Regents and the professors and all concerned were trying to get at the same thing. They were all talking about the same thing and the question was how best to do it and perhaps there was another element in it, a bit of a public relations problem with the state legislature. This University is no different than any other one. It has to go to the state legislature each year and get its appropriation and it's a public relations problem.

MURROW: Now, Pete!

PRINGLE: No, nothing. I was trying to sum up in my own mind, Ed, perhaps to say this. That we're drawing water from the Colorado basin in western states, including Arizona, and gas from Texas, and people from 47½ states.

MURROW: Well, I'm sorry I didn't have time to get around to asking you about the movie industry here in Hollywood, but, since this broadcast is coming from Hollywood I thought to search around and see if I could find a quotation that had some relation to this altogether fabulous city and I find that Will Rogers once said: "The movie business is a cuckoo business, made by cuckoo people for cuckoo audiences, and as about eighty percent of the world is cuckoo anyway they fill a spot that nothing will ever replace unless somebody invents something more cuckoo," and Mr. Samuel Goldwyn concluded: "The only thing that is wrong with the movie industry is a dearth of good pictures."

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GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY

I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE MEETINGS HERE IN THE NETHERLANDS ED BUT BEFORE I DO I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT A VISIT I MADE THIS AFTERNOON TO AN AMN CEMETERY IN THE SOUTH OF THIS LITTLE COUNTRY. WE LEFT THE HAGUE BY PLANE TODAY TO VISIT AGAIN THE TOWN OF MAASTRICHT, DOWN IN A CORNER OF THIS COUNTRY, WHERE ONE OF OUR AMN CEMETERIES IS LOCATED. MOST OF THE MEN THERE WERE SOLDIERS OF THE AMN 9TH ARMY PART OF THE 12TH ARMY GROUP THAT I HAD THE HONOR TO COMMAND HERE 5 YEARS AGO.

THE DUTCH PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER HOLLAND HAVE ADOPTED THE GRAVES OF OUR AMN SOLDIERS, TO CARE FOR THEM, AND HAVE WRITTEN TO THE FATHERS AND MOTHERS OF THESE BRAVE AMN BOYS TO BRING THEM WHATEVER COMFORT COULD BE OFFERED. THERE IS THAT MAARGARETEN./QUESTION/ CEMETERY CAREFULLY PLANTED BY THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF HOLLAND THE PRICE OF WAR IS MARKED OFF IN SMALL WHITE CROSSES. EACH ONE A SMALL MONUMENT TO FREEDOM, ONE /QUESTION MARK/ AMERICAN LIFE GIVEN FOR THE SECURITY AND PEACE OF THE WORLD. IT IS FITTING TO TALK OF THIS SACRIFICE TODAY AS WERE MEETING IN THE HAGUE TO BUILD A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FOR PEACE. WE HOPE FOR THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA TO PREVENT ANOTHER WAR, TO DISCOURAGE A POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR.

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SHORT TIME AS WE MIGHT HAVE EXPDCTED TO ACCOMPLISH OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS UNDER CONDITIONS AS THEY EXISTED BEFORE WORLD WARD 2.

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WELL ED MURROW I HOPE I HAVE ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS IN THIS NETHERLAND CITY. AS YOU SAID ONE NIGHT IN YOUR BROADCAST THIS IS SOME OF THE NEWS AND FOR AMERICANS. (I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SOME OF THE IMPORTANT NEWS OF OUR LIFETIME.) END

AARON

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toward Democratic procedures in which they hold up our Congress as a working model. (Their job has now been made more difficult.)

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On the question of rearming Germany, Mr. McCloy hedged. He didn't rule it out, but he said there is still the need for restrictions and controls. He promised again that the western allies will remain in Berlin.

The pressure to bring Germany into full partnership with the West is increasing. But the country remains divided. When the West German government in Bonne says to us and our allies, "If we go with you, can you defend us?" The answer is, that we obviously can't. When they say, "can you restore our old frontiers?" the answer again must be in the negative. And when they say, "can you give us access to foreign markets", the reply again must be, "not enough to satisfy you." The Russians can, if they choose, offer to withdraw their armies of occupation, restore the old frontiers and provide huge markets behind the iron curtain.

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an important speech. He demanded that the countries of Western Europe take the West German Government into full partnership. Tomorrow, he said, may be too late. He warned that unless this is done, American interest in Europe "may decline from its present high level." Mr. McCloy thinks that it may be necessary to permit a German economy "strong enough to be a potential threat to the security of her neighbors." But he said it was up to Europe to organize itself so that Germany can't start another war.

Mr. McCloy finds in Germany many young men and women who feel that their lives are blocked by a dead end; without new hope, they may again become victims of a demagogue.

On the question of rearming Germany, Mr. McCloy hedged. He didn't rule it out, but he said there is still the need for restrictions and controls. He promised again that the western allies will remain in Berlin.

The pressure to bring Germany into full partnership with the West is increasing. But the country remains divided. When the West German government in Bonne says to us and our allies, "If we go with you, can you defend us?" The answer is, that we obviously can't. When they say, "can you restore our old frontiers?"...the answer again must be in the negative. And when they say, "can you give us access to foreign markets?"...the reply again must be "not enough to satisfy you." The Russians can, if they choose, offer to withdraw their armies of occupation, restore the old frontiers and provide huge markets behind the iron curtain.

It is my personal opinion that no mere formal inclusion of the West German State, in the community of Western Europe will contribute much to solving the question. I think the time has passed when either the Russians or ourselves can determine which way Germany will go. The Germans themselves will, in due course, decide that in the light of their own self-interest after having played off the East against the West for their own advantage.

The census takers are on the loose all over the country and a spot-check shows that everything is going according to form. A few housewives complaining that some of the lady census-takers are a little too pretty; others most reluctant to reveal their true age...a man married nineteen years, offering the census-taker a hundred dollars if "you would only tell me how old my wife

really is." The usual questions are being encountered; is this part of a federally-sponsored matrimonial scheme, or if this some new-fangled plan for distributing the wealth. They run across all sorts of strange names like Postscript, Routine and Philanderer. But probably no tabulator will ever run across a name like this one again: Matilda Hesseltine Boxankle Hamstring Running-Golson.
gear/Moral:...Be kind to the census-taker.

This is Ed Murrow in Washington....Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

COMMERCIAL

Well, Bob, I haven't heard of anyone complaining of a shortage of problems recently; somehow, the people who have the easy solutions never seem to meet up with the people who have the tough problems. As Olin Miller once wrote: "What a pity, human beings can't exchange problems. Everyone knows exactly how to solve the other fellow's."

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK!

Murrow: April 5, 1950

When President Truman opened the 1948 Presidential campaign, he warned Labor of the "dire consequences" of a Republican victory; urging Labor to get out the vote, he said it "might make the difference between having a job two years from now." To the fifty seven million of us who are now employed, a job represents the only material link between security and anxiety, or want.

When the President made that speech in Detroit in 1948, two per cent of our Labor force (about two million) was unemployed. Last year it was three million. Today it's four million, a hundred and twenty-three thousand, (nearly seven and a half per cent of our total labor force.)

About a week ago, the American Federation of Labor, which had not previously been unduly concerned about the unemployment picture, discribed the present situation as "disturbing;" /said joblessness must be checked now, before it is too late. "Unemployment is creeping slowly upward, and has reached proportions which call for action." The CIO has been consistently noting that the unemployment picture is getting worse; // the figures support the Labor Union's claim; for the number of unemployed in February was the highest it has been since August of 1941. / In the last year, the number of unemployed has increased by about a million and a half; but our total output and the number of people who have jobs is as great now as it was a year ago. // The answer would seem to be that the total labor

force has been increased by a million and a half, but these workers have simply not been absorbed by industry or the farm. And this year, another six or seven hundred thousand new job seekers will be added to the unemployed pool.

The Labor Department has found it necessary to warn the several hundred thousan students, who will be graduating from schools and colleges this spring, that they will have a tougher time finding a job than at any time since the early forties.

A couple of months ago, the President offered some suggestions, in general terms - business expansion, increased old age benefits, and possibly some form of limited public works projects.

At the moment, unemployment has hit hardest in the coal, leather, metal and textile industries. The youngsters just starting out, and those who are over 45, and therefore considered poor pension risks by prospective employers, are having the hardest time finding jobs. Right now, there are well over a half-million people, over 55 years of age, who can't find work. We have a situation where our total labor force is increasing - more efficient methods of production are being put to use - and employers become more and more conscious of the pension obligations they assume in hiring people above middle age. Assuming that our economy remains healthy, that our number of people who have jobs remains the

same, we still need about a million new jobs a year, (just to give work to new employees, and to those who lose their jobs to increased efficiency of production.) This could be done through increased business expansion, through public works programs, or by allotting government contracts to areas of unemployment, rather than merely to the lowest bidder. But last year, there was a drop in business investment of about eighteen per cent.

Presumably, there will always be a certain amount of seasonal unemployment, and what the economists refer to as the "hard core" of the unemployed; but the American Federation of Labor claims that there are forty-three areas in the country where twelve per cent, or more, of the work force can't find a job.

By all the normal measurements, wages, productions and profits - the country is prosperous; but still, we are edging up towards five million unemployed, by July.

The A. F. of L. contends that if unemployment is allowed to increase, it will be too late to stem the tide; and adds: "We want to meet the problem now, in a conservative way, and avoid the catastrophe of widespread unemployment, with huge outpourings of government funds for made work and relief, and government controls". The A. F. of L. advocates the creation of full employment committees in various communities, to establish new industries and reduce

layoffs. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have produced many constructive suggestions for solving our rising unemployment, but both parties will probably concern themselves increasingly with this matter in the next few months, because the business of earning a living by holding a job is of the most urgent, basic and immediate concern, and the unemployed can still vote.

Now here is Bob Dixon.

Well, Bob, Will Rogers once said: "The farmer deserves a profit, but the guy that's not eating deserves a meal more. The stockholder deserves his dividend, but the unemployed deserves his job more." If you don't agree with that, we can go back as far as the Roman, Cato, who said: "Labor builds up strength, but long idleness destroys it."

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SECRETARY OF STATE ACHESON SAID TODAY THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE SAGGING BPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY.// HE SAYS CONSULTATIONS WITH REPUBLICANS, IN AND OUT OF CONGRESS, HAVE BEEN GOING ON " VIGOROUSLY"." THE SECRETARY ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT WE ARE NOW GETTING ALONG SO WELL WITH ARGENTINA THAT ITS NORMAL FOR US TO GIVE THE (PERON) GOVERNMENT SOME FINANCIAL AID./ HE DISCLOSED THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SEND SURPLUS WHEAT AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO THE FAMINE AREAS OF COMMUNIST CHINA. IF WE DO, IT WILL PROBABLE BE HANDLED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. (AND) THE SECRETARY SAID WE FAVOR IMMEDIATE STEPS TO INCLUDE GERMANY IN A COUCIL OF EUROPE. [redacted] REARMING THE GE[redacted]

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THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TODAY TOLD THE MAKERS OF CAMEL AND OLD GOLD CIGARETS TO STOP USING WHAT THE COMMISSION CALLS "FALSE AND MISLEADING" ADVERTISING. THE COMMISSION SAYS.. "ALL CIGARETTES CONTAIN VARYING AMOUNTS OF NICOTINE AND THROAT IRRITANTS AND THERE IS NO RELIABLE BASIS IN FACT, FOR ADVERTISING CLAIMS THAT ONE BRAND IS SUPERIOR TO ANOTHER IN THESE RESPECTS." THE MAKERS OF CAMELS SAY THEY HAVE NEVER USED ANY ADVERTISING THEMES KNOWN TO BE FALSE.
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COLLINGWOOD FOR MURROW, APRIL 7

I trust you use the word vacation in a figurative sense, Ed, because the President's trip to Key West this time has been pretty strenuous for a vacation... I just flew back today on National Airlines, but I'm already getting a little defensive about this tan I've aquired... Everyone thinks it must be pretty soft covering the President in Key West.... ~~But, as a matter of fact, he's kept us correspondents pretty busy this trip.~~ So I have to make a point of how busy he's kept us. As a matter of fact He himself says he's got more work done this time than ever before, and he's certainly produced more news than ever before... The first week he was busy on that batch of appointments that came out a while ago -- ~~you know, Secretary of Air Symington to the National Security Resources Board, Thomas K. Finletter to the air Secretaryship, Budget Director Frank Pace to the Army, Army Secretary Gordon Gray to head a special [illegible]~~... Then he gave a little hamburger and hot dog party for the Correspondents and hit back at Senator McCarthy... There were messages to Congress on farm legislation, and unemployment insurance, plans for his swing westward to Grand Coulee and Chicago next month -- right now he has to decide whether to veto or approve the Kerr Natural Gas bill.... Oh, there's been lots going on in Key West this time..... why, it got so bad, a fellow could hardly get settled down on the beach for a little sunshine before there would be a call from Charlie Ross, the Press Secretary, saying a new story was coming up..

In a way, the President probably gets more of certain kinds of work done at

Key West than he does in Washington... In Washington, his formal duties take up so much of his day that he just doesn't get a chance to sit back and talk out and think out the big problems which face him... But in Key West, he does... He had Chief Justice Vinson and Calrk Clifford down with him at the beginning of his vacation, and he spent a lot of time just talking and listening with these two old friends whose judgement he values... Of course, all the necessary work of the Presidency goes on while he's down there... Reports have to be read, mail answered, decisions made, messages to Congress prepared -- although the other night they almost slipped up on the unemployment insurance message. The White House forgot that Congress was going to adjourn for Easter, and by the time they remembered there was barely time to get the document to Washington in time... So, with one eye on the clock, the whole staff buckled down, and worked all evening getting the message in shape. It was after midnight when the President finally signed it , and handed it to a courier who drove across the keys to get an early morning plane in Miami for Washington...

If you've ever been to Key West, you can understand how those things happen... Time has a way of slipping by before you know it... And, anyway, nothing seems quite so important down there in the sunshine at the Southernmost tip of the United States.. There's a kind of lanquid, manana feeling in the air.... Of course, the Key West the President sees is very different from that we correspondents see.... He is closeted behind the wire fence and the marine guards of the Naval Station and rarely gets out in the town

itself -- to the great disappointment of the tourists... Anyway, a President wouldn't be caught dead in most of the places in Key West... The town is wideopen in a lazy sort of way -- doesn't make any special point of it -- just wideopen... As Bill Hassett, the President's good gray secretary on charge of correspondents says, "There's more sin and less temptation in Key West, than any other place I ever saw." The President doesn't see any of that, nor does he want to...He wants a place where the sun shines, and there isn't too much pressure, and a man can get done the work that has to be done, and rest and think and relax the rest of the time... For him, Key West fits that prescription perfectly.... And as for us correspondents, he may keep us busy, but any time the President goes down again, we'll be happy to go along.

That was Charles Collingwood —
(Lucky Fellow)
Put in for that assignment last year —

Now here are a couple of
friends of Bob Dixons —

EDWARD SANDFORD MARTIN

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Well Bob, we're entering the Easter week-end. Edward Sandford Martin had this to say about Easter.....

"There are great merits about Easter as an annual feast-day. It says to us: 'Put on your best clothes, think your best thoughts, and come out and be as good and happy as you can. The Lord of Christendom is risen; the spring is coming back; life begins again in the fields and parks and gardens. Let us be grateful to our Maker for life; let us rejoice in the present, all we honestly can, and take as hopeful a view of the future as common sense permits'."

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And in Eastern Germany, a Soviet newspaper says thousands of young Germans are being trained as glider pilots. In the past, Russia joined the United States, Britain and France in banning glider activities...because that's the way the Luftwaffe trained its pilots after the first World War.

It has always seemed to me that covering a Presidential vacation would be an ideal assignment for any reporter. It's an opportunity I've never had, but it certainly looks good - sunshine, sports clothes, file one story a day, then off to the beach or the golf club. My friend Charles Collingwood has been spending most of his time at Key West, where the President has been vacationing for the past three weeks, and I thought you might care to know what it's really like.

COLLINGWOOD: I trust you use the word vacation in a figurative sense, Ed, because the President's trip to Key West this time has been pretty strenuous for a vacation...I just flew back today on National Airlines, but I'm already getting a little defensive about this tan I've acquired..... Everyone thinks it must be pretty soft covering the President in Key West.....so I have to make a point of how busy he's kept us. As a matter of fact, he himself says he's got more work done this time than ever before, and he's certainly produced more news than ever before...The first week he was busy on that batch of appointments that came out a while ago. Then he gave a little hamburger and hot dog party for the Correspondents and hit back at Senator McCarthy...There were messages to Congress on farm legislation, and unemployment insurance, plans for his swing westward to Grand Coulee and Chicago next month...right now he has to decide whether to veto or approve the Kerr Natural Gas bill...Oh, there's been lots going on in Key West this time...why, it got so bad, a fellow could hardly get settled down on the beach for a little sunshine before there would be a call from Charlie Ross, the Press Secretary, saying a new story was coming up...

In a way, the President probably gets more of certain kinds of work done at Key West than he does in Washington...In Washington, his formal duties take up so much of his day that he just doesn't get a chance to sit back and talk out and think out the big problems which face him...But in Key West, he does...He had Chief Justice Vinson and Clark Clifford down with him at the beginning of his vacation, and he spent a lot of time just ~~sk~~ talking and listening with these two old friends whose judgment he values...Of course, all the necessary work of the Presidency goes on while he's down there...Reports have to be read, mail answered, decisions made, messages to Congress prepared,

COLLINGWOOD: although the other night they almost slipped up on the unemployment insurance message. The White House forgot that Congress was going to adjourn for Easter, and by the time they remembered there was barely time to get the document to Washington in time...So, with one eye on the clock, the whole staff buckled down, and worked all evening getting the message in shape. It was after midnight when the President finally signed it, and handed it to a courier who drove across the keys to get an early morning plane in Miami for Washington.....

If you've ever been to Key West, you can understand how these things happen...Time has a way of slipping by before you know it...And, anyway, nothing seems quite so important down there in the sunshine at the Southernmost tip of the United States...There's a kind of languid, manana feeling in the air...Of Course, the Key West the President sees is very different from that we correspondents see....He is closeted behind the wire fence and the marine guards of the Naval Station and rarely gets out in the town itself...to the great disappointment of the tourists....Anyway, a President wouldn't be caught dead in most of the places in Key West...The town is wide open in a lazy sort of way...doesn't make any special point of it...just wide open....As Bill Hasset, the President's good gray secretary in charge of correspondents says, "There's more sin and less temptation in Key West, than any other place I ever saw." The President doesn't see any of that, nor does he want to...He wants a place where the sun shines, and there isn't too much pressure, and a man can get done the work that has to be done, and rest and think and relax the rest of the time...For him, Key West fits that prescription perfectly...And as for us correspondents, he may keep us busy, but any time the President goes down again, we'll be happy to go along.

MURROW: That was Charles Collingwood - (Lucky Fellow) -----

Now here are a couple of friends of Bob Dixon's .....

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Well, Bob, we're entering the Easter week-end. Edward Sandford Martin had this to say about Easter.....

"There are great merits about Easter as an annual feast-day. It says to us: "Put on your best thoughts, and come out and be as good and happy as you can. The Lord of Christendom is risen:

the spring is coming back; life begins again in the fields and parks and gardens. Let us be grateful to our Maker for life; let us rejoice in the present all we honestly can, and take as hopeful a view of the future as common sense permits'."

"We who are here — who don't know where we came from; who go, who knows where to— what more do we know than that this is our chance at earth; our chance to adorn creation; our chance to prove that we are in some measure fit to live here, and suited, perhaps, to be eventually transplanted?"

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK!

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Monday, April 10, 1950
7:45-8:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCER: (Commercial)

Now, here is your Franco-American newscaster - Edward R. Murrow.

MURROW: This ... is the news! The Supreme Court today in effect upheld a lower court decision that a congressional committee has the right to ask a witness if he's a Communist. I'd like to review the case in a few minutes. In San Francisco today, Federal Judge George B. Harris sentenced Harry Bridges to five years in prison for lying to conceal that he was a Communist. Judge Harris said "the guilt of the leader of the CIO Longshoremen was established to a moral certainty and beyond reasonable doubt by devastating and overwhelming testimony." Sentence has been delayed on two others convicted with Bridges.

The President returned to the White House today after a month's vacation in Florida, said he never felt better, and called his congressional leaders to meet with him tomorrow.

Both the Senate and House have now finished work on a new housing bill and sent it to the White House. It doesn't have the cooperative program the President wanted, to build homes for middle-income families, but it calls for four billion dollars to be used for new insurance and loans for veterans and others who want to build.

Republican Senator Lodge said today he is not going along with the Democrats on the Senate Committee investigating Communism in the State Department. Last week, Chairman Tydings said Senator Lodge, and the Democratic Committee members, agreed that an FBI summary completely clears Owen Lattimore of Senator McCarthy's charges. Today, Senator Lodge said he has reached no final conclusions, although in the Senate, a week ago, he said none of McCarthy's charges have been proven. Today, Senator McCarthy gave the Committee

the name of a witness whom he described as a former Communist Party official. McCarthy says this witness will identify Mr. Lattimore as a man who is, or was, a Communist.

The Chinese Communist Radio today attacked Mr. Lattimore and John Foster Dulles; called Mr. Dulles the No. 1 warmonger in the United States. The Communists refer to Mr. Lattimore as a reactionary, a so-called Far Eastern expert, one with an imperialist countenance.

And the Chinese Nationalists told the United Nations Little Assembly that Russia has sent a large number of planes and pilots to Communist China. The Nationalists suggest that United Nations air and naval observers should be sent to Formosa to keep an eye on what the Russians may do.

India and Pakistan today signed an agreement, designed to end Moslem and Hindu fighting. It guarantees security for the Moslem minority in Hindu India and the Hindu minority in Moslem Pakistan. India's Prime Minister Nehru says this agreement will improve the conditions of one-and-a-half-million people. He told his country by radio tonight: "We have passed through trying times, which test men's souls. Millions have lived under the dark shadow of fear and insecurity. Fortunately, we pulled ourselves out before the great disaster overwhelmed us." This does not settle all current problems between India and Pakistan, but both dominions regard it as a hopeful sign.

In South Korea, the Government has reacted to Secretary Acheson's warning of last week, to balance the budget and hold elections next month or lose American help. The National Assembly today voted to hold elections next month and to begin studying ways to raise taxes.

Here, in Washington, today AFL President Green said he favors a proposal for an eventual merger of the AFL and the CIO, but he didn't say anything on the CIO proposal for immediate joint political action.

In a New York court, the A&P filed its formal answer to the Government's charge that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade. The A&P says this is not true. The suit is an effort to change the nation's entire

economic policy. It is not a monopoly because it grew almost entirely from within, not by mergers or buying up competitors. Further, A&P says it hasn't restrained trade but encouraged it; hasn't prevented competition but promoted it.

In Kansas City, Charles Binaggio and his henchman, Charles Gargotta were buried today, victims of a murder in Binaggio's Democratic Club last week. At the Binaggio funeral, in place of a eulogy, Monsignor F. R. Kennedy read a statement prepared by the city's Catholic Chancery Office. It condemned the underworld and added: "We also condemn the overworld, liquor executives, public officials in high and low places and the like who, though able to retain the aura of respectability, sacrifice every decent principle for their own contemptible and selfish ends. The same blood is on their hands as upon the hands of the villainous characters whom they both use and protect."

Here, in Washington, tonight Republican Senator Ferguson, of Michigan, charged that high Democratic officials (whom he did not identify) are trying to block a congressional investigation of interstate crime and the effect it has on local politics. The Senator said the Democrats he refers to have been carrying out underground manipulations and maneuvers ever since the investigation was first proposed by Democratic Senator Kefauver, of Tennessee.

It seems that the professional bigots and hate-makers had a bad year in 1949. The annual survey of the anti-defamation league, released today, says there were fewer expressions of anti-Semitism in Congress in 1949 than in the preceding year. There was a decrease in discrimination in higher education and in sports. The league found that, with the exception of the professional golfers association and the American Bowling Congress, professional sports are relatively free of racial or religious discrimination. The radio, press, and magazines have been devoting more time and space to matters having to do with religious and racial harmony. The Ku ~~KKK~~ Klux Klan, according to the report, has been fragmentized, broken into small bits, and is losing ground, but the Anti-Defamation League, which is part of a Jewish service organization,

reports that over one million dollars was collected by what it calls "the leading professional bigots during 1949."

You may remember the case of the ten Hollywood writers, who were questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee as to whether they were Communists or Communist sympathizers. They refused to answer. Two of them, Lawson and Trumbo, were convicted of contempt of Congress, sentenced to spend a year in jail and fined one thousand dollars. They have been free under bond, pending the outcome of their appeal to the Supreme Court. Today, the Supreme Court voted, 6-2, not to review the lower court's decision. The Supreme Court has repeatedly pointed out that when it refuses to review a case that should not be taken to mean that it approves the findings of the lower court, but the net effect is that the ruling of the lower courts stands. The arguments in this case are such that even a layman could understand them. The Hollywood writers contended that the Bill of Rights protects all individuals against being compelled to disclose their private beliefs and associations, regardless of what those beliefs and associations might be. They said the individual's right of privacy is absolute and that, under the Constitution, he can't be punished for remaining silent about those beliefs and associations.

The question, then, was -- did a congressional committee have the right to question citizens about what they believe as distinct from what they have done? The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, here in Washington, held in a unanimous decision, that the congressional committee did have that right, saying that the right of free speech is not absolute and the same thing is true of the right to remain silent. Congress may abridge either freedom. They said no one can doubt in these chaotic times that the destiny of all nations hangs in balance in the current ideological struggle between Communist-thinking and democratic-thinking peoples of the world. Neither Congress nor any court is required to disregard the impact of world events. The Court of Appeals held that Congress has power to make an inquiry of any individual, which may elicit the answer that the witness is a believer in Communism or a member

of the Communist Party, so, today the Supreme Court refused to review a lower court decision, which held that Congress may abridge either the freedom of speech or the freedom to remain silent, when Congress is trying to avert what it believes to be a threat of real evil to the national welfare. In other words the threat of Communism. Justices Black and Douglas favored a review of the case, but the other members of the Supreme Court, except for Justice Clark, who took no part, opposed it.

The Supreme Court gave no reasons for its refusal and it's not required to give any. Attorneys for the two Hollywood writers say they will file a petition, asking the Supreme Court to reconsider the case. The Circuit Court of Appeals, in this case, finds itself in disagreement with Justice Holmes who said if there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other, it is the principle of free thought, not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate. More recently, Federal Judge Purtimam (?) said that to condemn or interdict all members of a named political party is an abridgment of free speech, press, and assembly, and he added, the Communist Party in this country is recognized as a political party.

As I said, the refusal of the Supreme Court to review this case does not necessarily mean that the high court agrees with the lower court, but it means that the finding of the lower court stands and, in essence, that finding is that in these chaotic, tense, and dangerous times Congress, in attempting to legislate for the safety and welfare of the nation, may abridge, that is, diminish or curtail, freedom of speech or the right to remain silent. But the final decision on this vital and highly controversial issue will not be made until, in some form or another, in this case "or another," the Supreme Court rules upon it.

This is Edward R. Murrow in Washington. Now, back to Bob Dixon in New York.

ANN UNGER: (Commercial)

Now, Ed, what's the word for today?

MURROW: Well, Bob, we were trying to review a rather complicated legal decision. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The wise know that foolish legislation is a rope of sand, which perishes in the twisting. The law is only a memorandum, a currency, which we stamp with our own portrait. Any laws but those we make for ourselves are laughable."

Good night ... and good luck!

ANNOUNCER: (Closing commercial)

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Edward R. Murrow

4/11/50

This is the news:

The Russians say one of their fighter planes fired at an American bomber over Latvia on Saturday. Our air force and navy chiefs say they know nothing about this.. but if it happened.. the Russians PROBABLY fired at a Navy bomber, that has been missing IN THE GENERAL AREA since Saturday, with ten men aboard. The Russian protest to Ambassador Kirk in Moscow accuses us of "grossly violating the Soviet frontier." The Russian story is this: a B-29 type bomber flew 13 miles into Latvia.. was challenged by Soviet fighters..asked to land.. instead, the American plane fired at the Russians..one of the Soviet fighters returned the fire.. no mention of any hits..and the Soviet story ends with the American plane heading out to the Baltic. Our Air force officials in Germany, say they know nothing about this.. no B-29 has been over Latvia. The air force here in Washington says the same. THINK insists none of our planes could have been involved. The Navy, reporting its missing bomber, in the general area of the Baltic.. on a Germany to Denmark trip..points out that the bomber was not armed.. had instructions, as do all our planes, to stay clear of Russia and her satellite countries. The search for the missing Navy plane goes on. Some officials fear it may have been shot down or disabled

by the Russian fighter plane.

The President today met with his Senate leaders and decided on the legislative course for the rest of this session. I'd like to review it in a few minutes.

Senate Democrats today decided to set-up a special five man committee to investigate crime. Its members will be appointed by Vice President Barkley. The decision was made because two committees..Judiciary and Commerce.. have been insisting on conducting seperate investigations.

The committee ~~investigating~~ LOOKING FOR Communists in the State Department is going to hear from Louis Budenz, the former Communist, who has testified against Communists at many court and congressional hearings. Mr. Budenz, a lecturer, ~~who~~ now teaches at Fordham university, ~~in the man~~ Senator McCarthy says he will testify that he knew Owen Lattimore at a Communist. Budenz said today he does not know McCarthy.. never met him. He refused to speak about Lattimore. And the Johns Hopkins far east expert says he doesn't know Budenz.. never met him. The committee has asked Senator McCarthy to turn over to it by Wednesday the names of all witnesses he intends to present to prove his charge of Communism in the State Department.

Republican Senator Vandenbergh today underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor near his spinal cord. His condition is "considered to be satisfactory." Last October doctors removed a part of [redacted] his left lung.

In San Fransisco, a federal judge has delayed for a month, a move to revoke the citizenship of Harry Bridges.. (sentenced to five years in prison for lying to get his citizenship papers.)

The first American arms aid to Italy arrived in Naples today. Although the dock area was plastered with Communist posters protesting the shipment, dock workers began to unload the ship immediately.. without any sign of Communist demonstrations.

The Bolivian government has outlawed the Communist party.. charging that the Communists of ten nations are conspiring to set up a South American Soviet Union.

Vice President Barkley and Scott Lucas, the Democratic leader in the Senate spent an hour talking with the President this morning. Senator Lucas reported the President as being "pretty well satisfied" with progress on his legislative program. It was decided to call up the bill authorizing the third year of the Marshal Plan as quickly as possible because the President thinks that's more important at this time than any other piece of pending legislation. This means that the Fair Employment Practices Bill, (which faces a Southern filibuster,) will be pushed aside until the Marshall Plan authorization is taken care of.

Senator Lucas predicted, as he was bound to do, that the Democrats are going to have a "very good record in this Congress by the time the session ends." He also predicted that Congress would authorize the Marshall Plan and the Arms Aid Program; would increase Social Security benefits; reduce some excise taxes; extend rent control and increase the borrowing power of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Lucas didn't predict that the Fiar Employment Practices bill would pass, but he said a "determined effort" would be made to get it through. As for other legislation, the Democratic leader in the Senate saw it this way: no action at this session on the Brannan Farm Plan and none

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on National health insurance; not a chance of repealing the Taft-Hartley law. Even with this limited program, it looks as though it will be as hot as Washington in August before the Senate goes home. By that time, one of Mr. Truman's favorite war cries...the one he has used so often to chastize and castigate the Republicans, will be heard throughout the land...the phrase, "special interests". The dictionary DEFINES this, as "a group of individuals or corporations receiving advantages such as subsidies, franchises, favorable tax or tariff rates, etc., because of political assiciation." Now it would be possible to conclude that if these Republican special interests remain so pervasive and powerful after seventeen years of Democratic government by Democrats, something is wrong. The fact is that most organizations and most individuals have special interests. It seems that an interest becomes "special" only when you disagree with it. I suppose the first caveman who had a well-balanced club, two skins to hang over the mouth of the cave, and an unusual amount of food stored away for a tough winter, was said to be, or have, a special interest. Certainly the Indians in this country who fought the encroachment of the white man were defending as best they could, their special interest. It isn't just big business that has special intersts. Big labor, big farmers, big fishermen...everybody has a special interst

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of one kind or another...even the government. For example: last Fall, the House, prodded by the President's promise to get after the "special interests" whom he said were tieing up urgently needed legislation--the House set up a Committee to investigate lobbying; not to try to abolish lobbying...which is Regarded as a necessary evil...but rather to regulate lobbyists. Witnesses before this committee have been very persuasive in pointing out that Oscar Ewing's trip to Europe, on behalf of the national health plan, Agriculture Secretary Brannan's trips acorss the country on behalf of his farm program, are as much a form of lobbying as the activities of the Real Estate Association, the Public Utilities, or any big corporation. The various government departments...Army, Navy, Air Force, State and all the others, are engaged in constant lobbying, defending what they regard as their special interests. But these special interests, whether private or governmental, are no longer relying to the extent that they once did, on either political party to carry the ball for them. Instead of kicking in a few hundred thousand to one of the political parties, so called "special interests" are spending the money themselves, trying to go directly to the people with their story. The labor unions--and they can be branded as a special interest if you disagree with their objectives--are trying to combine their war chests

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to get legislation which they feel neither party can assure them because of lack of unity or leadership. Neither party can deliver on it's campaign promises due to lack of unity or leadership, and as a consequence, the interests, special, governmental, personal and all the rest, are lobbying more to the people than to Congress. And who is to say this is a bad thing.

The phrase, Special interests, might usefully be retired for it is something we all have in varying degrees as individuals or as groups. It may be a special interest in tariffs, taxes or working conditions, or in the preservation of wild life, the creation of a two-and-a-half cent piece, or opposition to men removing hats in elevators. The interest becomes "special" only when you disagree with it. As John Stuart Mill once said: "One man with belief, is worth ninety nine with only interests".

Today, a man with a "special interest" called at the White House... Senator Charles Tobey of New Hampshire. He wanted the President to appoint a New Englander to the Interstate Commerce Commission. But Senator Tobey also has belief; he stayed far beyond his allotted fifteen

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minutes. And when he came out, the Republican Senator, who had been looking across the big desk at the Democratic President, who sat in that room in which all the forces of world conflict converge, said his heart went out to him and he yearned to bring him some comfort. So he told the President that in these terrible times, there were men who wished him well, no matter what their party; that partisanship and disruptive prejudice do more to aid our common enemies than anything they themselves do among us. The deeply religious Republican from New Hampshire quoted from the bible, to the deeply religious Democrat from Missouri. He tried to bring the President a little comfort, said Senator Tobey, and he thought he had. There were tears in his eyes when he said so.

The newsmen who wait in the White House lobby to interview people when they leave the President's office, are a pretty case-hardened lot, who know where to make their discounts where politicians are concerned, but Charles Collingwood, who was there, tells me that no one of them laughed or smiled when the little grey Senator from New Hampshire

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told them how he tried to bring a "little comfort" to the President. The Senator had a "special interest," all right...that appointment to the Interstate Commerce Commission, but he also had belief

This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

Well Bob..Lobbyists are blamed for many things that happen here in Washington...

Their influence is often exagerated...and anyway the lobbyist isnt the real source

of the trouble..As Will Rogers said..~~ex~~ "If we have Senators and congressmen

~~that~~

that cant protect themselves against the evil temptations of lobbyists, we dont

need to change our lobby..we need to change ~~our~~ OUR representatives

good night and good luck

4/12/50

This is the news:

Republican leaders in the Senate, don't like the way the Democrats in the Senate are planning things. Yesterday the Democrats decided to work on the Marshall plan now.. (because the President considers it most important). and leave the fight over a Fair Employment Practises Bill for later. But today the Republican leaders said: we doubt the good faith of the Democrats.. they want to put off the F.E.P. C. fight for political reasons..until the southern primaries are out of the way; The Republicans say if the bill isn't considered soon They doubt if it can be passed this year.

The Republicans also object to a Democratic decision to name a special committee to investigate crime. The Democrats decided on this yesterday..because the Judiciary and Commerce committees might duplicate their inquiries. Today, the Republicans charged its a plot to keep Republican Senators Donnell of Missouri and Ferguson of Michigan off the new committee. Both are members of the Judiciary committee which the Republican leaders want to do the crime investigation.

There's another political argument going on between Democratic Senator Tydings and Republican Senator Lodge..both members of the committee investigating charges of communism in the State Department. Chairman Tydings said today

that he is delaying appointment of an assistant counsel to the committee, because the man..Frederick Ayer, Junior..is a candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general in Massachusetts./Senator Tydings says, he wants to keep "politics" out of his committee's investigation. But Senator Lodge of Massachusetts says this is "grossly discourteous".. "an injustice " to Mr. Ayer who didn't seek the job, agreed to accept it at a sacrifice./Senator Lodge says if the investigation is to be serious, Mr. Ayer "is the kind of man whose services the committee must obtain."

And Senator Taft SAYS the President has libelled Senator McCarthy.. prejudged his case.. should eliminate any suspicion of treason from his Administration "if he can."

Now.. for a difference of opinion..on foreign policy.. between two Republicans./Senator Jenner of Indiana said today that the Senate Foreign Relations committee is a "pawn" in Secretary of State Acheson's hands.. that both Chairman Connally and Ranking Republican Vandenbergh have been "lied to, double-talked to, and completely duped, by "Mr. Acheson. He says the bipartisan foreign policy is a "gigantic fraud" designed, not to defeat Communism "but to keep Republicans quiet."

But in Princeton tonight, Governor Dewey called for a radical improvement in the attitude towards the bipartisan policy from both Administration leaders and some sections of the Republican party. He said:"If politics doesn't stop at the water's edge, I doubt if we'll long own the water's edge." [redacted] He calls for "a reversal of the ominously rising trend toward isolationism" in this country. Governor Dewey says: even the most die-hard isolationists [redacted] on one extreme and the soft-headed left-wingers on the other must realize that we cannot survive [redacted] alone in a Communist world .

The State Department is still investigating Moscow's story of a Soviet fighter plane firing at an American bomber over Latvia. And the air and naval forces are still searching for a Navy bomber missing [redacted] over the Baltic since Saturday. Today Republican Senator Bridges of New Hampshire said we should use our best planes, with our best men to send air patrols over the Baltic "armed to the teeth". He charges the Russians "ambushed" the naval bomber "and shot it down in cold blood."

The Defense Department announced tonight that the Unknown Soldier of the second World War will be selected in Philadelphia's Independence Hall on May 26th.. of 1951. The selection will be made from six of our

unidentified dead. The bodies will be brought back from each of the five overseas theaters of war and the Alaskan Command.

~~Secretary of State Acheson says we have given up the idea of moving some two thousand Americans and other foreigners from Communist China to their homes by sea. The Communists have delayed all efforts to move these people. Now we're going to try to get them to a North China port or to British Hongkong.~~

Here in Washington today the President and his top officials welcomed the President of Chile.. who will tour the country for 21 days. Both presidents expressed their belief in the democratic principles of our countries.. and the warm friendship between us. [redacted]

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AT Hyde Park there was a simple service at the grave of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died five years ago today.#
The United Nations Security Council observed a minute of silence and then heard a plea from its April President.. Egypt's Mahmoud Fawzi Bey.. to "redouble our efforts to accomplish agreement instead of perpetuating disagreement."

To: John Aaron - CBS - N.Y. 82 URGENT.

Wednesday 4/12 Show:

It is customary upon occasions such as this --(the fifth anniversay of Mr. Truman's assuming the Presidency), to sum up the accomplishments and shortcomings of the administration, and to discourse upon the subtle, or obvious, changes that have occurred in the President's attitude and approach to the manifold problems, and personalities, that press upon him. But that is all past, and anyway, we are in many ways a people to whom only the immediate is real. It seems to me that our immediate position is this: we are living in a state of perpetual crisis, and gradually becoming accustomed to it, (just as other peoples have done before us.) There is no man who can see the end of this conflict with Russia, or at least, no man who can convince ~~the most~~ most of us that he sees it truly.

We have acquired allies in peacetime, and are looking about for more. We have never done that before. We have armies of occupation in two great nations; military and trade missions scattered around half the world. That is for us a new experience. We are maintaining, in a time of technical peace and at great expense, military force with which to

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sustain and support our policy. We have not done that before. We believe ourselves to be in immediate and mortal danger, as individuals, if another war should come. And that TOO for us is a new experience. In the midst of plenty, we are troubled and apprehensive and our councils are divided. We have become vaguely aware that our generosity to foreign nations is not always effective or appreciated; that we are not universally loved abroad. In many ways this generation of Americans must be regarded as most fortunate, for no previous one has been confronted by such problems and opportunities. No previous generation carried around with it so much of the hopes and fears of so much of the world.

It seems to me that in this situation there are certain things we might usefully consider doing. The first is to recognize that there is no easy, quick, or trick solution to this conflict that divides the world. We are inclined, more than most people, to demand action and solutions, and to demand them in a hurry. I know of no western leader who believes that this one can be solved quickly or easily.

We might acquire a renewed appreciation for the word "steady". Or, as General Bradley once put it more eloquently: "We should not panic

or become excited each time someone rattles a paper behind the Iron Curtain.

We now have a sort of magical target date: Nineteen fifty two, when the Marshall Plan is scheduled to end. It would be the part of realism, if we could remove that date from our thinking. There is not, and there can not be, any fixed, pre-determined time table that establishes how much effort, aid, patience, understanding and even sacrifice, will be required of us if we purpose to win this cold war. I think that many of us fail to appreciate the nature and complexity of this war. We are inclined to think that it is being run by the State Department, and the appointment of a couple of able Republican advisers will re-establish a bi-partisan or un-partisan policy. As a matter of fact the State Department represents only one of the forces often a MINOR one deployed in this campaign; the whole complex of government is involved...just as it is in a shooting war. The Defense Department, Commerce, Agriculture, the Treasury...all of them. The war is being fought on the political, military, economic and psychological fronts. For example: the question of steel rails for Communist China, involves political, economic and

military considerations. The question of checking inflation in Korea doesn't involve just the State Department and the Marshall Plan, it has military and psychological implications. The rearming of Western Germany cannot be decided solely upon military calculations, for it will have great impact upon the economy and the political structure of Europe.

Each department here in Washington is naturally disposed to view its own requirements, its own interests, as paramount. Departmental loyalties are strong.

The settling; the compromising of divergent views as to what should be done cannot be undertaken successfully by the President. They are too numerous varied and complex, and even in peacetime our President carries a greater load than the head of any other state.

Perhaps our greatest weakness is the absence of a high command for the conduct of this war. A single place where overall decisions are made on the basis of the fullest information and with the greatest possible degree of detachment. The present system must necessarily produce a certain amount of guerrilla warfare between the various departments, and it creates confusion in the capitals of our allies for they can never be sure which of the many departments involved is in a

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position to dominate a [redacted] decision. Both Republicans and Democrats agree about the deadly, decisive nature of this [redacted] war. (There is nothing "phony" about it.) That being so, it would seem obvious that we need a high command to run it.

This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

Well, Bob, here's something that was once said by Elbert Hubbard, which probably applies to running a business or a government.

"There is something that is much more scarce, something finer far, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability."

~~Good night and good luck.~~

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This is the news:

The President thinks the country is in fine shape. And he proposes to take credit for what's happened in the past five years. Reviewing his years in office at a news conference, Mr. Truman said: we have more people employed now than in the history of any country in the world. if we can believe Wall street reports, we have the most prosperous business set-up the country has ever seen...farmers are now in a better position than at any time in our history, (with the exception of the peak year of 1948). [redacted] In addition to this, says the President, the world-wide situation is better than it was in 1946.. the worst year he can remember.. right before the Truman Doctrine and Marshal plan went into being.

Mr. Truman followed this [redacted] review of the past with some remarks on the future..addressed to American members of Unesco.. the United Nations educational, sceitnfic and cultural organization. To these White House visitors, Mr. Truman said: this November he's going to try to help elect a Congress that believes wholeheartedly in

international cooperation.. a Congress that believes that our welfare must take into consideration the whole globe, not just one country one district or one state. Mr. Truman is anxious to make the good things of life available to the poorer parts of the world... (his Point Four program.) He says that may sound like a world-wide W.P.A. but its nothing of the kind.. its his ambition to help these people help themselves. Mr. Truman also counseled against expecting too much, too fast. He said we expect that because we are noted for our go-getters.. we like to see today's plans accomplished tomorrow.. but all this will take time.

At his news conference, Mr. Truman commented on some current matters. He promises every attention by Congress for the Fair Employment Practises Bill. But he wants Marshal Plan funds considered first because he doesn't want to see an F.E.P.C. filibuster delay foreign aid. As for crime in some of our big cities, the President says he PERSONALLY ordered the Justice Department to call a grand jury investigation of crime in Kansas City.. part of the fight against crime all over the nation. A reporter asked for comment on Senator Taft's charge that the President had libelled Senator McCarthy by calling the Wisconsin Republican

"the greatest asset the Kremlin has in this country." Mr. Truman commented with a question:"Do you think its possible? (to libel McCarthy.)

~~Edward Barrett, recently named assistant secretary of state, today called Senator McCarthy's communism charges "the most shockingly irresponsible performance he's seen in many years." And~~ Chairman Tydings of the committee investigating the McCARTHY charges has agreed not to block the appontiment of a Republican.. Frederick Ayer, Junior.. as assistant counsel.. if the Republican members of the committee don't mind the fact that Mr. Ayer wants to run for attorney general in Massachusetts.

The President is waiting for a detailed Defense Department report on the Russian story about an exchange of fire with one of our planes over Latvia. Today, the Moscow Radio made it clear that the Russians believe the American plane was actually the Navy bomber missing since Saturday with ten men. should The Russians say this plane was engaged "in so-called pursuit of knowledge... american spies.. who met with a deserved rebuff and WERE compelled to return home." Our defense officials insist that the missing Navy plane was not armed. There were no ENCOURAGING developments in this fifth day's search for her crewmen.

The Senate today listened to another short foreign policy ARGUMENT. Chairman Connaly of the Foreign Relations Committee said its "base slander" to blame the State Department for the collapse of Nationalist China... said we gave the Chinese two billion dollars worth of arms.. did everything but send our troops to fight for them.. and yet the Chiang government fell, because of "corrupt generals, corrupt cabinet officers or in some way." Republican Senator Knowland replied that Senator Connally has hampered bi-partisanship in foreign policy because he turns down Republican proposals "with sarcasm."

The State Department says its going to try to get 17 foreign countries to lower their tariffs on what we send them.. in return for which we'll lower our duties on some 25-hundred items, they send us.

And the National Coal Association says the coal industry in this country is being "drowned in increasing streams of foreign oil"... 75 per cent of it imported from Venezuela. Industry spokesmen say if this goes on it will mean the jobs of 50-thousand miners, 50-thousand railroad workers every month.

In HOUSTON today, a federal judge ruled that the government

was responsible for the Texas City explosion of three years ago...that took 512 lives, injured three thousand persons. This gives some eight thousand five hundred parties the right to collect some 200-million dollars for which they've filed suit.. the biggest damage action ever brought against the government. The Department of Justice will appeal.

The Federal Communications Commission ruled today that while radio stations may broadcast their own editorial views, they mmm "have an affirmative duty to seek out, aid and encourage" the broadcast of opposite views on controversial subjects. The case concerns New York city's station W.L.I.B. which did three broadcasts favoring the Fair Employment Practises Commission.

In Prague today, two Czech employes of the American Information Service [redacted] were convicted of spying.. sentenced to 15 and 18 year prison terms. One pleaded innocent, the other partially guilty. The trial report comes only from the Prague radio.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey has been delivering a series of lectures on the "American political system," at Princeton University. He delivers the fourth and final one tonight.

Most of us recall that during the nineteen forty-eight campaign, Governor Dewey's theme was:unity. In a major speech after the conclusion of the campaign, he concluded that the Republican party was split wide open. In these lectures at Princeton, Mr. Dewey has been examining the American political system in general, and the Republican party in particular. Last night, he warned the Republicans in most vigorous terms of the danger of carrying party politics into the field of foreign affairs; saying that those who were tempted to rock the boat should remember that we are all in the same boat. Tonight, Mr. Dewey sees the Republican party as the party of individual freedom. He feels there has been too much talk of "free enterprise" by some "selfish reactionaries." "When such men have shouted about free enterprise," says Governor Dewey, "they have not meant free enterprise at all; they have been thinking of their own narrow interests." From time to time, said the Governor, individual, unrepresentative members of my party, seldom holding public

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office, have presumed to regard the rights of labor as inferior to the rights of property." But he said, no Republican President, from Lincoln to Hoover, ever endorsed so reactionary a position. He sees the basic difficulty with the Democratic party as being a "big government" philospphy which tends to consider industrial workers as members of a social mass and to deal with the union leaders as the rulers of that mass. Governor Dewey doubts if the most conservative Republican would want to give up such things as unemployment insurance, collective bargaining, bank deposit insurance, regulation of securities exchanges, and old age and survivors insurance. The New York Governor is firmly opposed to any government program for compulsory health insurance.

So far as our economy is concerned, he thinks the government should influence it in sound monetary and fiscal policies, rather than by direct controls on prices, wages or investments. He termed such controls "the gadgetry of totalitarianism."

I have not yet had the opportunity to read the full text of these four lectures. But on the basis of the excerpts available, Governor Dewey is aligning himself, in both domestic and foreign affairs, with what is referred to as the liberal wing of the Republican party.

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The Governor remains the titular leader of the Republican party and he is obviously trying to lead the party in a direction that would not be agreeable to more conservative sections of the Party ~~such men as Senators Taft, Hickenlooper, Wherry and McCarthy.~~

Last night, we didn't have time for a small story out of Atlanta, Georgia. As one who has spent so much time in so many hotels, it appeals to me particularly. A nationwide poll, conducted by the Southern Hotel Exposition, chose Elsworth N. Statler as the outstanding hotel man of the half century. Mr. Statler has been dead for twenty two years, but he received ninety five percent pf the votes. To Mr. Statler goes the credit for an imposing list of improvements in American hotels. Such things as a bath in every room; cold, running ice water; room radios; ~~he~~ Statler decided to put the light switch in that handy place right beside the door; and the keyhole above the doorknob instead of below it. When Mr. Statler began as a bellhop he listened to the guests' complaints...complaints and suggestions...noted them down in a little black book, then put them into operation when he built his first hotel. To me, all hotels in this country seem to be equipped with efficient bellhops and overheated rooms. The efficiency with which they

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are run always amazes me, and I have even encountered a couple of roomclerks who seemed to have a genuinely sympathetic cast of countenance when they said, "sorry, full up."

But seriously, in these days of atom bombs and jets and guided missles; cars without gear shifts, and all the rest, it is gratifying to learn that this recognition has come to a man who put the light switch where you can get at it; the keyhole where you have an even chance of finding it; and who left part of his fortune to Cornell University for study and research into how to make hotels better managed and more comfortable.

And now, this frustrated innkeeper returns you to Bob Dixon in New York.

Well Bob...Our Hotels are so good they spoil us for foreign ones...Mark Twain once said...

"Family hotels are a London speciality..god has not permitted them to exist elsewhere...All

the modern inconveniences are furnished..and some that have been obsolete for a century...

And continued Mr Twain..The bed rooms are hospitals for incurable furniture..."

good Night & good Luck.

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Friday, April 14, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

ANNC'R: (C O M M E R C I A L)

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MARKELL: Well, Ed, one thing I know is that Washington society is a business.

MURROW: Well, how does it rank with other business?

MARKELL: Well, I'd say, perhaps, it ranks right after the Government, Ed, but at least it's one of the big two or three.

MURROW: Well, do you mean more money is spent on it and more people involved in it? Is that what you mean by being a business?

MARKELL: Yes, yes.

MURROW: Well, Hazel, tell me, what are the compartments of Washington society? How can you break it down?

MARKELL: Well, that's the reason Washington society, Ed, is different from other societies in other cities. It has more compartments. There are the cliff dwellers and the diplomatic set...

MURROW: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Cliff dwellers - that requires a little explanation.

MARKELL: Well, cliff dwellers, Ed, are old Washington society. And by that, I don't mean old people, but I mean old families that have been here many, many generations.

MURROW: All right. Now we've got the cliff dwellers. What comes next?

MARKELL: Yes. Well, I'd say perhaps the diplomatic set; altho don't hold me to this sequence, because I'm just giving you the form. The official set comes in here. By that I mean cabinet and Congress. And then, of course, we have the military.

MURROW: Well now, here's a simple question. Who are the most sought after people in town?

MARKELL: Well, I think the officially prominent, Ed. And by that I mean the cabinet, the high-up governmental, the White House, of course. For example, protocol lies, among the ladies: Mrs. Truman is, of course, the first-ranker, and then, of course, comes Mrs. Barkley, the charming wife of the Vice President, and third, Mrs. Fred Vinson, who's the Chief Justice's wife. And then, of course, the diplomatic is very much sought after. We have a sprinkling of royalty in Washington, and that always adds a lot of zest to a party to have a prince, you know.

MURROW: Light sprinkling or heavy sprinkling, Hazel?

MARKELL: Let's say light, maybe.

MURROW: Let's get to some vital statistics here. I've often wondered how much does a real wingding cost here in Washington, a swank party, the kind that you read about in national magazines?

MARKELL: Well, Ed, of course, that depends a lot on what kind of a party it is, where it's given, whether it's a cocktail party, with or without a buffet supper, or whether it's a formal, seated dinner. For example, this may help you - a supper dance of, say, some 250 guests, given by one of our noted Washington hostesses at a fashionable hotel, might cost as much as three thousand dollars.

MURROW: Oh, I see you're discreet, as all society reporters are. You won't give us the name. But tell me this, Hazel, where do they find the doormen and so forth for these affairs, the butlers and all that?

MARKELL: Oh, Washington has a very good corps of well-trained servants, Ed. And, you know, I'd like to tell you something about that. It's not unusual to see them time and time again, even in the same day.

MURROW: How do you mean "the same day"?

MARKELL: Well, I hate to admit it, but sometimes I attend three or four parties a day, and I have seen the same well-uniformed and efficient doorman get me out of my cab at each one of ~~the~~ ~~hunk~~ these.

MURROW: Oh! He must have a hard evening.

MARKELL: (unintelligible) right, you see.

MURROW: Well now, how does the social escalator work in this town? How do you go about doing a little social climbing here in Washington?

MARKELL: Well, of course, let's start with money. A lot of money doesn't hurt. But it isn't the whole answer, in my opinion, to be a good social climber here in Washington. Having the right people at the right party is important, and, of course, good publicity is necessary, Ed. And if you have the right people, of course, you get good publicity.

MURROW: I understand. But tell me this, how much business, if any, gets done at these parties?

MARKELL: Well, I think, quite a lot. You know, I'm of the firm belief that the two men, standing over there in a corner, talking over a cocktail seriously, are in a pretty good atmosphere for business. And I think a lot of it's done, and I think a lot of women do good business for their husbands, public-relation-wise, over cocktails.

MURROW: This sounds like a very strenuous business, this Washington social circus. How do people here in Washington stand the pace?

MARKELL: Ed, they have to get used to it and have to learn to stand it. And this is very serious. Fortunately, I think most of them do learn. But they do have to learn to eat sensibly, sleep sensibly, take their cocktails sensibly and, another important thing, learn to take their sudden importance sensibly. Tragically, a lot of them don't learn it.

MURROW: That's what I've heard. Well, certainly, since you confessed a little while ago that sometimes you go to three parties in an evening, you seem to have learned to master the routine. Someone told me about a Green Book in Washington. What's that?

MARKELL: Well, that's something that's peculiar to Washington. It's a famous book called, formally called, Ed, "The Social List of Washington and Social Precedence in Washington", and it's simply a book listing all the important people in the four categories and a few more, and it contains a few rules about letters and so forth.

MURROW: Well, we shall go out and buy that book, the first thing in the morning. Now, thanks to Hazel Markell, we know more than we did about Washington society. I'm not quite sure what we're going to do with the information. It sounds as the one would have to be a pretty rugged individual and in good training to last out the season.

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DIXON: (C O M M E R C I A L)

Now, Ed, what's your word for today?

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This is the news:

The Senate late today approved a bill to authorize the government to spend one and a half billion dollars for navigation and flood control projects on our rivers and harbors. #

The President's budegt message did not recommend anything for these long-range plans. The final vote...53 to 19.. came after a series of moves by Democratic Senator Douglas of Illinois to cut the bill ~~was defeated~~. Senator Douglas appealed to the public, as well as the Senate for help. the defeat of He said:"I know only too well what we are up against. Local groups demand that their congressmen and senators bring home the bacon. All too often, these same groups loudly proclaim their desire for economy. They want economy practised on the other fellow, but not on themselves." The Senate bill now goes to a conference committee so that differences can be straightened out with a similar bill passed in the House.

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Attorney General McGrath TODAY asked Congress to deliver a "knockout blow" to gambling syndicates. He wants this done through a law that would refuse the gamblers the use of interstate communication facilities. That is: the telephone, telegram, radio and television. Mr. McGrath wants the Federal Communications Commission to have the power to order various companies not to let gamblers use their services. ~~He says this would hurt the gamblers because they need quick communications, particularly, at race tracks, to "stimulate" bettors. They also need quick communications to help them get out from under bets that they don't want to pick, by "laying-off" some of the bets with other bookmakers.~~ The Attorney General told a Senate committee he knows of no Gambling Czar.. no great national crime syndicate, that is run by one powerful man.

In Kansas City today, the government put tax liens on the estate of the late Charles Binaggio.. killed in his DEMOCRATIC clubhouse 12 days ago. He and his wife are accused of not paying taxes, amounting to 70-thousand dollars, since 1945.

Here in Washington, the government today lost its case against former Democratic Representative Roger Slaughter. He was accused of violating the lobbying act.. by not registering. It took a federal judge less than two hours to decide that the government had no case against the Representative, who was defeated at a primary in the President's home district in Missouri in 1946. The judge held that Mr. Slaughter's

activities, as an attorney, were not lobbying as the law interprets it. Mr. Slaughter then issued a statement saying the charge against him was false.. the government should have know it.. it was politically inspired.

A former White House friend went to trial today on charges of perjury. John Maragon, who used to be able to go in and out of the White House with few difficulties, is accused of lying TO SENATORS about his income and work.. [redacted] Today, Mr. Maragon's attorney described him as "a little man among greats, a peanut vendor among princes".. a man who never tried to lie to anyone.

The Supreme Court has decided not to interfere with the county unit system of voting, that prevails in the state of Georgia. The court says it cannot interfere with state election laws, unless there is an outright denial of the right to vote. Two Justices..Douglas and Black.. dissented. They feel that the Georgia system is "invidious discrimination".. particularly hurts Negroes who live in the big cities. The Georgia county unit system is pretty much like the national electroal college. The primary candidate who gets the most votes in a county, gets all of the county's unit votes.. from two to six of them. Opponents of the system say that a votem in the smallest county thereby becomes worth 122 times as much as a vote in the biggest COUNTY. [redacted].

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Chairman Tydings of the Senate Committee looking for Communists in the State Department, says his group has decided to "run down things that to a large extent are exclusive of Senator McCarthy's charges completely." And John S. Service.. whom McCarthy has accused of "associating and collaborating with Communists and pro-Communists" has written Senator Tydings that he is not guilty of any of the things Senator McCarthy has said about him.. will prove it after he has testified before a State Department loyalty board.

The State Department doesn't like the way the Russians MADE propaganda in the matter of the plane they shot at over Latvia. We are still collecting "the true facts by a calm and thorough appraisal." We say that in a delicate matter such as this, "we regret that the Russians failed to show equal calmness and restraint." The formal search for our missing naval bomber has now been ended. And a yellow liferaft believed to be from the missing plane is now on its way to our officials in Copenhagen for examination.

A new book by John Foster Dulles will be published tomorrow. Its called "War or peace." And in it, the Republican foreign policy advisor who recently became a consultant to Secretary of State Acheson, talks about China. He says Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations if it proves that it can govern without serious domestic resistance. Mr. Dulles doubts that this can be done. In any case, he favors

"a reasonable period of time" before any decision is made. ~~Mr. Dulles predicts that~~ the ~~Communists will fail in China in the economic and social fields, and will not make good on their propaganda. He also wrote before he accepted the President's offer to return to the State Department, that bipartisanship in foreign policy is the difficult to practice. the present omens suggest it is not going to be practised."~~

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Generally a reporter can't wait until the weather is right to tell a story. But this one is an exception. We've had this little document -- prepared by the Virginia State Department of Health in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service, on our desk for more than a week. It begins by telling us that Spring Fever is not a reportable condition, and therefor we have no morbidity statistics to indicate its prevalence. However, those who have recognized it in themselves, and have observed the symptoms in their associates, can readily make the diagnosis. Medical texts and medical dictionaries are silent on the condition. But appropriately enough, Random House in the nineteen forty-nine edition of the "American College Dictionary" defines it as "a listless, lazy feeling, felt by some people at the beginning of spring weather."

The symptoms are easily recognized; a far away look and a difficulty in concentrating. The sufferer may be observed gazing out of the window at budding trees, and convalescents on park benches. There is associated day dreaming -- the dream substance concerned with fishing streams, golf links, swimming holes and mild gardening. In the young, a prevailing symptom is said to be a lightly turning of the fancy to thoughts of romance. This symptom however, is not confined to the very young.

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The President was advised today to end price supports on perishable farm commodities, such as potatoes, and eggs. Chairman Cooley of the House Agriculture Committee says its too costly, impossible to support perishables.. and if they're not abandoned the whole farm program will be destroyed. He wants to continue supporting non-perishables such as cotton, grains, tobacco and peanuts.

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Most of us take the Post Office and its many services for granted, WE fail to appreciate what a relatively recent development it is, or how huge a business it has become.

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The House Appropriations committee recently knocked a hundred and twenty-five million off the post office appropriation for next year, and Mr. Donaldson, the Postmaster General, says his economy move is a result of that. Several Congressmen have expressed the opinion that this move is an effort to "pressure" Congress into restoring the cut. Senator Wiley of Wisconsin says "fifty million tired taxpayers have been hit in the mailbox; we need more mail service rather than less." He thinks it's absurd that the administration should try to save money by firing a few forty-dollar-a-week postal workers, (most of whom are veterans.) Democratic Representative [redacted] Crook of Indiana, a member of the Post office committee, says the Post office is the most efficiently operated of all of the government departments, and the deficit could be wiped out if Congress would make outright subsidies to the railroads, steamship and airlines, instead of "hiding" them, and charging them to postal costs. Representative Crook says the people won't stand for this cut in service while we're spending billions to take care of the people across the pond.

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~~Trygvie Lie, the secretary general of the United Nations leaves for a European trip tomorrow. Here's what he told reporters at Lake Success today: "The U.N. situation is worse than it has been. About the world situation I have no comment at this time, but the U.N. machine definitely is not in good working order."~~

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It has long seemed to me that some scholar should produce an essay on the art of reviling and vilification. (Abuse by the use of speech or writing...the art of assailing with approbrious lagnuage.) Nations revile and vilify each other in a manner that would have ruptured diplomatic relations or produced a war [redacted] in past generations. Politicians belabor each other, often with a depressing lack of originality. The lady at the cocktail party who says: "Now, I didn't actually see her, but...", is engaging in a form of vilification. Likewise, the man who says: "I don't know if he's honest, but at least they've never caught him with his hand in the till". The gentleman who says of another gentleman: "I never see him anywhere except in saloons and nightclubs", is engaged in the art of reviling. And consider the poor unfortunate male who, thinking that the aircraft in which he was riding, was about to crash, confessed all his worldly sins to his wife...the plane landed without mishap, and his wife subsequently reviled him. I suppose that most of us, at one time or another, practiced, either clumsily or with skill, this art of reviling and vilification. By dint of practically no effort, we have discovered

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"If you desire to revile, you should select a person at least slightly superior to yourself. In selecting a person of high moral

3 character, there is danger that he will pay no heed to your words, but so soon as he replies, then you can consider that you have reviled him. When he has reviled you, this brings you on a parity with him, as one pays no heed to inferiors. The rule is that by reviling a man of no reputation, you create one for him. Is this not a distressing sequence?

"The more severely you wish to revile one, the more important is it to begin with expressions of pity and appreciation, and even of respect and regret. Now, this in nowise detracts from the ultimate effect, for emphasis is added to your words, and the listeners feel that you are only speaking the truth and regard you as a person of poise and dignity.

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"Under no circumstances, assume a self-satisfied demeanor, but be modest and without aggitation. You must bring yourself down to the humblest position; this prevents your opponents bringing you down to a lower level."

The Chinese scholar continues with some advice regarding this gentle art [redacted], for he says: "At one time, revile only one person; or if need be, only one class of men, or you will have too many adversaries. Attack your opponent, but do not involve the listener. If it is absolutely necessary, to include a large number of persons, under these circumstances, you should declare that in so doing, you have the interests of all at heart. If you fail in this, you will have an avalanche of reviling descend upon you, which will be troublesome to withstand."

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Some 200-thousand C.I.O. telephone workers are scheduled to strike at midnight Tuesday when a 60-day truce expires. Mediators failed to make any headway today.. (they'll try again tomorrow.) The telephone workers want higher wages. Today, some 10-thousand C.I.O. telephone equipment workers went on strike.. with no affect on phone service. This was the result of a dispute that started among Indiana equipment workers.

Here in Washington today, Housing Expediter Woods told Congress that if rent controls are not extended for another year there will be "intolerable" rent increases. Governor Bowles of Connecticut says if the law is not extended, we face a danger to the stability of our economy.. with the possibility of new wage demands, because of higher rents.

The Senate Finance Committee has tentatively decided not to put some three and a half million public employes under the social security system. These people--teachers, firemen, policemen, local government workers.. already have retirement systems.

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In London, the nine Liberals in the House of Commons have decided to vote against the Labor government tomorrow on two budget issues. Labor now has six more members that the combined Conservative and Liberal membership..and six Laborites are ill, not likely to attend Commons tomorrow. This might result in a note against the government..the possibility

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The Agriculture Department says farm prices rose almost two per cent from the middle of March to the middle of April. They're almost back where they were last October. But the overall level of farm prices is six per cent below what it was a year ago.

The House Ways and Means Committee has completed one part of its work: cutting excise taxes. The total saving to consumers will be 967-million if all committee plans are approved. Now the committee has to find ways of getting all or some of that income through other sources. Today, the committee reversed itself and decided to cut the tax on night clubs from 20 to 10 per cent. It reduced the railroad, bus and airplane tax from 15 to 10 per cent. It would tax your bill for domestic telephone calls 10 per cent.. instead of 15 per cent. The committee also approved five per cent cuts in the long distance phone and telegram taxes.

The Senate committee considering an extension of rent controls was told today that the Administration is putting out scare stories to keep controls. William Russell, president of the National Association of Apartment House Ownsers , says Housing Expediter Woods, in particular, is trying to frighten the country as to what may happen if controls end. Mr. Russell said there would be no riots, mass evictions or other upheavels if the law is allowed to die.

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Senator McCarthy arrived in Arziona today.. where he's to spend a few days because of a sinus condition. He told A UNITED PRESS reporter he's going to continue to use "bare knuckles" in his attempt to prove that there are Communist in the State Department. And

he said the President doesn't approve of the investigation because it is wrecking what the Senator called "a presently non-existent bi-partisan foreign policy."

The Senate committee investigating crime heard today from Frank Ericson who said he handles 20 to 40-thousand dollars in bets every day.. makes a net income of 100-thousand a year. Ericson admitted he violates the law.. offered so few details, tried to avoid so many questions that committee members became aroused. The Senators also heard Russell L. Brophy, a Los Angeles race news distributor. He said there is more betting in this country on baseball than on horse racing.

~~Now.. for a special report on a flying saucer.. we take you to Kansas City.~~

~~(return: Now back to Ed Murrow in Washington:~~

~~(Mr. Jones, KMPC~~

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A Senate committee working under the Labor Committee today recommended that the hiring halls be legalized in the maritime industry. The Supreme Court recently called the halls illegal, under the Taft-Hartley law. The committee vote was five to two.. Republicans Taft and Donnell of Missouri opposing it. The full Labor committee now considers the proposal.

The C.I.O. electrical workers have won control of the majority of the Westinghouse Electrical worker units.. beating the union that was recently thrown out of the C.I.O. The C.I.O. union got 27-thousand votes... to 22-thousand for the other union.

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MURROW RECORDING - Two minutes

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The State Department merely quoted from a recent speech by Secretary Acheson in which he said "this is no time to change the machinery of international affairs". / Democratic Senator George from Georgia thinks something of the kind that Mr. Hoover proposes is inevitable, but there are no signs that Mr. Hoover's proposal will result in any change in our attitude towards the United Nations.

/Now ~~some information on a subject that has~~
been ~~more widely discussed from the U.N.~~,

In New York City high school students staged their fourth day of demonstrations for higher wages for their teachers. About five thousand of them were in the vicinity of the City Hall. Police apparently maintained order without too much difficulty...no heads were broken...about three hundred truant officers were busy taking down names. The superintendent of schools believes that "subversive elements" are egging the youngsters on. Our own reporter who watched today's demonstration said it was more like an afternoon before a big football game, when mounted policemen approached, they yelled "Hi ho Silver", and "Here come the cowboys". Our representative formed the impression that the kids hope their demonstration will help get more pay for their teachers, but they're not nearly so much concerned about that as they were about the teachers' refusal to supervise after-school athletic events, dances and clubs and extra-curricular activites, unless they get more money.

The demonstration drew our attention to the acute teacher shortage in this country. In the last ten years, nearly a half-million qualified teachers have left their jobs. A hundred thousand teaching jobs are still unfilled, and more than a hundred thousand teachers now

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working are not fully qualified to teach. According to one survey, we will need a million more teachers in the next eight years. Every study ever made of this whole problem ends up with the same three answers: low salaries, poor working conditions, too heavy teaching loads. There are five states with a minimum teachers salary of less than a thousand dollars a year. We are short of class rooms, too. A New York Times survey indicates we are already short about three hundred thousand new classrooms...need at least ten billion dollars for adequate school plants. While we're worrying about military budgets and aid to Europe, we might remember what Lord Brougham said in the House of Commons about a hundred and thirty years ago...he said: "The schoolmaster is abroad, and I trust more to him, armed with his primer, against the soldier in full military array, when it comes to upholding and extending the liberties of this country."

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This is E.R.M. in Wash. -

Now Back to Bob Dixon in N.Y.

wait for teachers & school bureaucrats

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Well, Bob, those figures on the state of our educational system reminded me of something the English statesman, Disraeli, once said: "Upon the education of the people of this country, the fate of this country depends. There is no period in the history of the world in which it has been more important that the disposition and mind of the people should be considered by the State, than it is at present."

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An estimated one million persons marked May Day today at the borderline of the eastern and western sectors in Berlin./Nothing happened./Some of the west Berliners threw stones and cuss words at Soviet sector police., But that was the height of the excitement./My colleague Bill Downs cables from Berlin that the police of the two sectors even seemed to have a gentlemen's agreement to keep the youngsters in EACH [redacted] sector from starting any real trouble./

Moscow had another of its spectacular May Day parades..with the greatest air show since the war. Foreign air attaches noticed twin-engined jets in the air for the first time.. and they counted 64 four-engined bombers.. almost three times as many as the Russians paraded last year.

The Chinese Nationalists say Russian jets "have definitely joined the Chinese Communist air force."

Here in Washington, the House armed Services Committee has approved another 335-million dollars for the Navy. And Admiral Sherman told the committee; the navy now has developed guided missiles to the point where they are good enough to be installed on warships right now.

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The Commerce Department says all building records were broken in April... In the first four months of this year, 20 per cent more money was spent on building, than during a similar period last year.

The Chicago Daily News and the St. Louis Post Dispatch were awarded Pulitzer prizes today for exposing the fact that some Illinois newsmen were on the state payroll./

Other prizes went to: South Pacific.. Meyer Berger of the New York Times, and Edmund Stevens of the Christian Science Monitor Edwin O. Futhman of the Seattle Times for reporting...Samuel Flagg Bemis for his biography of John Quincy Adams.. A.B. Guthrie, Junior, for "The Way West" and Carl M. Saunders, for an editorial in his Jackson, Michigan, Citizen-Patriot.

In Britain, The labor government had its closes call in five years.. managed a one-vote margin after the Conservatives attacked an appropriation item.

Representative Carsten, Democrat of Missouri, seems to think that the Communism charges of Senator McCarthy may be a hoax, a deceit or a fraud upon the American people. He wants an inquiry. He said today that more than two years ago, two House subcommittees, both Republican controlled, investigated a list of a hundred and eight names of people who had either worked for, or had asked for, a job in the State Department. # These two committees found that the Department was handling the matter of security risks in a satisfactory manner. Representative Carsten says that it appears to him that the majority, if not all, of the cases Senator McCarthy has raised were among the hundred and eight previously investigated by the two House committees. If so, he says, inquiry should be made as to whether or not a hoax, a deceit, or a fraud has been practiced somewhere, by someone, upon the American people.

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CUE TO BANCROFT IN MIAMI:

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BANCROFT: (See Attached)

~~RETURN CUE:~~

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Geoffrey Barnett - Miami x -

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standing in deep shadow, far ~~off~~ UP stage, could put great feeling into a number called, "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered".

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~~Mike Todd - Promotion~~

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good night and good luck

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John Maragon, who used to have a friend in General Vaughn, the president's military aide, today was sentenced to from eight months to two years in prison.. for lying to a Senate committee. It was the minimum sentence.

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Trustees of the United Mine Workers pension fund say they will immediately renew paying death benefits and in June will again pay pension checks to eligible miners. The payments were suspended last September.

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Chrysler says the union is "scuttling" a settlement.. the union says Chrysler is trying to get "tricky" clauses into the contract.

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[redacted]

Britain's Liberal party, with nine men in Commons, has turned down an invitation to unite with the Conservatives to oust the Labor government.

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Lattimore quoted at length from his own writings to prove that he had not twisted and turned with the Communist line and gave the list of contributors to a magazine he edited to show that he had not employed Communist writers as had been charged. Lattimore pointed out that in the five years since he left the Party, Budenz in all his testimony and writings had never mentioned the name of Lattimore. During those five years, according to Lattimore, Budenz was a sensational author and lecturer, exploiting his own past; that his tales of skulldugery and

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conspiracy HAVE grown stale. He has no new sources of information, so when a new sensation breaks out...when a new man is accused...Budenz can then rush forward and say, "I remember him too", and thus revive his reputation as the "peerless informant". Lattimore also said he thought the best judges of his position are the people who have read his books and articles...said he had received about a hundred and seventy letters from almost everyone who has a reputation as a writer or scholar on the Far East. Although some of them disagree with his conclusions, they unite in the belief that there is nothing in his writings to indicate that he is subversive, a Communist agent, or a fellow traveler. And they agree too, that none of Lattimore's writings provide a basis for questioning his integrity or loyalty. The list was indeed impressive. Lattirmoe wanted to know if the Committee would seriously consider what he called the uninformed, reckless, mad denunciations of McCarthy and Budenz against the informed conclusions of these distinguished citizens. We have recorded for you, what Mr. Lattimore said after that:

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TAPE TEXTS, MAY 2

LATTIMORE: # 1

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I suggest--and I am sure that intelligent Americans will join me--that it is your solemn duty to point out, in clear and unambiguous terms, that the processes of the Senate of the United States have been debased by this man McCarthy; that he has been contemptuous of the committee; that he has lied, distorted and vilified; that he has improperly received and used classified information; that he has made promises which he has not fulfilled; that he has used discreditable and disreputable sources of false information; that he has disgraced his Party and the people of his State and Nation; and that he has grievously prejudiced the interests of our country.

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Mr. Lattimore went on to point out his belief that charges such as those to which he has been subjected endangered freedom of inquiry; limit the frankness with which scholars and writers would state their conclusions; damage our own intelligence service. Then Lattimore had some suggestions as to what the Senate subcommittee might do. Again we have recorded what he had to say....

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But today..at his news conference.. the President said he thinks the international situation is improving.. a comment I'd like to examine in a few minutes. The President also told reporters: he disagrees completely with Herbert Hoover's suggestion to form a new world organization without Communists.. He thinks we have deficits because Congress won't raise taxes...he does not feel that Senator Pepper's defeat in Florida was an Administration defeat, because there were local issues involved.

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Senator Tobey of New Hampshire said today that officials of Continental News Service.. the big race news agency.. have been leading Senators down a blind alley.."tried to play ducks and drakes" with the committee investigating gambling. He wants to put pressure on the agency officials to get "the lowdown on their operations."

Pakistan's Prime Minister [redacted] Liaquat Ali Khan told Congress today: "no threat or persuasion, no material peril or ideological allurement, can deflect his country from the democratic path."

IN Detroit today, the C.I.O. auto workers agreed to end their 100-day strike against Chrysler. / 89-thousand men go back to work at Chrysler plants on Monday .(plus another 50-thousand whose jobs depend on Chrysler operations.) Both sides are still bitter.. the strike cost an estimated billion and a half dollars in wages and sales. The union gets a 100-dollar a month pension--including social security--for men who reach the age of 65 after 25 years of work. Union and Company will administer the pension fund. The Union also gets an increase in medical, hospital and insurance benefits.

In New York today, the George Foster Peabody award for the best RADIO reporting and interpretation of the news went to Eric Sevareid of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In Tokyo, General McArthur answered a Russian complaint that we're building military bases in Japan and Okinawa. / He told them in effect: mind your own business.. called the Soviet note: "a vehicle of propaganda or a provocative impertinence" /

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Reporters and editors have been receiving some high-level advice recently. General Eisenhower says they should give the public straight, factual reporting; President Truman says we should present the facts the public needs to make up its own mind. Here are a few facts, all from the public record of the last few days: General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (as cool and unsensational a man as you will find,) speaking on Tuesday; "The cold war outlook is worse today than it was four months ago". He cited continued trouble in Indochina, the fall of Hainan, demands on Trieste among other things. The General pointed a gloomy picture saying that "frankly it gives us little cause for comfort and little excuse for delay."

Chairman Vinson, of the House Armed Services committee, on Wednesday, after hearing in closed session from Defense Secretary Johnson, Army Secretary Pace, George Kennan, substituting for Secretary Acheson, and all the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said their testimony "fortified" what General Bradley had said the day before.

Defense Secretary Johnson, appealing for another three hundred and fifty million for the defense budget, said that military appropriations for next year might possibly have to be bigger than this year.

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Our allies might also have to spend more than they now are.

Senator Millard Tydings, (unhysterical member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,) speaking yesterday; said that nineteen fifty is the year of force, not of reason...war could start accidentally...it would be "remarkable" if we avoid it.

Trygvie Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, in Paris, yesterday; found the world is in the most critical situation since nineteen forty five...we are at the crossroads.

Now, here are some more facts, of statements, with which editors and reporters have had to deal in the last few days. Marshall Plan Administrator Hoffman thinks the satellite nations will eventually break away from the Soviet Union, but he doesn't know when.

President Truman today; doesn't feel the cold war is close to turning into a shooting war; thinks the international situation is much better than it was in nineteen forty six; is of the opinion that Senator Tydings is unduly alarmed. Mr. Truman thinks the situation is improving. There he disagrees flatly with General Bradley. Mr. Truman said today that the defense budget for next year will be smaller than it is now. There he

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Secretary of State Acheson, on Tuesday, declined to go along with General Bradley's interpretation of the situation, but said that in many places, [redacted] things do not look better.

President Truman told newspaper editors the other day; "You cannot make up people's minds for them. What you can do is to give them the facts they need to make up their own minds. That is a tremendous responsibility."

The foregoing quotations are part of our continuing effort to discharge that responsibility. It may be that [redacted] you find conflict and contradiction in these statements by responsible officials, [redacted] ON a subject of the utmost gravity; I have merely related the facts.

General Eisenhower advocated straight, factual reporting and in statements — honest interpretation. My own interpretation of these facts or statements, for what it is worth -- and this interpretation is buttressed by a considerable number of private conversations with high government officials; -- is this: We desperately need a high command, one central point for

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consideration and decision in the conduct of this cold war. A single effective group, divorced from administrative responsibility which can constantly study, access, and decide, the economic, military and psychological deployment of force in this war in which we are engaged. These contradictory statements must contribute to the confusion of the country, and the consternation of our allies. If we are to get ourselves into one fist for defense or retaliation, the fingers must be coordinated.

This is Ed M. in wash —
Nice back to Bob Dixon in N.Y. —

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Well Bob...Some at least of those who have been telling us how the cold war is going might say with SH Adams.."My efforts, I fear, serve only to make confusion more confounded."..And some of us may agree with Cornelia Otis Skinner who said.."One learns in life to keep silent and draw ones own Confusions...

good night and good luck

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The Senate tonight approved a 45-million dollar start for the President's point four program..(to aid underdeveloped areas of the world.) The vote was 37 to 36. The Senate also approved a 250-million dollar cut in the ~~committee bill~~ Marshall Plan. That brings it down to the same figure approved by the House... two billion 850-million.

The Administration defeated Republican efforts to make the cut first, a half billion, then, one billion.

The State Department told Moscow today that we don't like the way the Russians have responded to our protest against the shooting down of a Navy plane over the Baltic about a month ago. The SHARP note said, among other things: The Russian account of what happened is "erroneus"...its clearly impossible to settle the issue as Long as the Russians refuse to base their position on the facts in the case... we can't reconcile the Moscow actions with Moscow's expressed desires for peace.. we feel that this "disregard for law, custom and the opinion of mankind" is another barrier in the path of harmonious relations among nations. The State Department note also says: we are forced to conclude that Russia has no intentions of meeting the obligations of international law. And we warn Russia of the seriousness with which we regard her attitude in "such matters of grave consequence."

The State Department also commented today on a Russian broadcast that said all German prisoners of war have now been returned to Germany. The Department calls this "fantastic and absurd".. says the Russians are holding at least 200-thousand Germans troops in forced labor camps and prisoner of war camps. And Mr. McCloy, our high commissioner in Germany, says the Russians have fabricated a report for their own purposes.. he doesn't believe their figures.. "it is inhuman to keep German families in uncertainty about the fate of the prisoners."

The West German press and government are SHOCKED. As one newspaper put it: "This is the most terrible news since the end of the war." Another SAID OF the Moscow radio announcement.. that all German prisoners have been returned from Russia,, "Hundreds of thousands of German families have been buried by a two-minute Moscow radio report." Chancelloer Adenauer went before the West German parliament to attack the Moscow announcement. He said the Russians hold at least one and a half million prisoners. He said: "This is an appeal to the humanity of all peoples." And politicians in western Germany feel that the effect in the eastern zone.. the Soviet zone.. must be just as marked as in the western zone. The East zone press had no comment on the announcement for nine hours.. then merely printed what Moscow said.. without comment.

Here in Washington, President Truman today asked Congress for some new laws to help small business. He wants the government to insure bank loans up to 25-thousand dollars over a five year period. He wants broader lending powers for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.. and he wants the R.F.C. to be placed under the Commerce Department, instead of continuing as an independent agency. The R.F.C. is now restricted to ten year loans. The President wants that lengthened to 15 years. And he wants the government to promote companies to make long-term loans.

Three Republican members of the House today attacked the President's optomistic statement yesterday about the condition of international affairs. Representatives Cole and Anderson of the Armed Services Committee said: the President's statement was "untimely, ill-advised, deplorable".. they questioned whether he is misinformed on the facts or if Congress is misinformed. And Representative Vorys of Ohio, another Republican said: "If the President is right, then the State Department is wrong."

William Remington, the Comemerce Department employee, accused of having been a Communist, was questioned again today by the House un-American activities Committee. Mr. Remington, who denies the charge, said that during the war, when he worked for the War Production Board, he was aware of the Manhattan project (which turned out the atomic bomb) but thought it was something to do with high octane gas. He told the committee that in the past ten years he had done as much as any economist in the government to combat communism in public life.

In Alabama, the Democrats loyal to the national party have won the battle for control of the state committee.. beating the states righters.

And on Formosa, 21 visiting American correspondents are being told; its useless to support the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China as a bulwark against Communism.. Indo-China will be licked in a year. The thing to do, Nationalist leaders are telling the reporters, is to spend 10-million a month to help Formosa.. for the sake of democracy all over the world.

President Truman starts his non-political trip across the country on Sunday. He smiles when he says that "non-political". Mr. Truman is one of the most orthodox and enthusiastic politicians we have ever had as a President. When Harold Stassen called him "the cleverest politician and the worst President ever to occupy the White House", Mr. Truman had a ready anser. He said; "You have to be a politician to be President. It is part of a politician's practice to try to put political hay in the barn wherever he goes and whatever he does. Mr. Truman knows quite a lot of political history and that knowledge may give him some confidence as he tries to prepare a favorable climate for the Congressional elections in the Fall. About three weeks ago, the President startled some people when he said the country is in fine shape; some people say that would be true even if a moron were in the White House, but he was going to take credit for this fortunate and favorable state of affairs. Mr. Truman's political history would tell him that the Democrats are almost certain to lose some strength in the House in the November Congressional election. For since the Civil War in every mid-term election, except nineteen thirty four, the party in power has lost strength in the House. But it has lost control of the House only four times since eighteen ninety six. Mr. Truman needs a general

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theme or thesis that will hit home everywhere...that can be understood in every household. He appears to think he has found that theme in the word "prosperity". As a student of practical politics, he knows that only four times in history has an administration been turned out of office in a period of prosperity. Twice it happened because of contested votes; once as a result of a third party movement...the Bull Moose. So the only real occasion where an administration was turned out in good times was in eighteen fifty two when Pierce defeated Philmore. So Mr. Truman has ample historical support for trying to sell prosperity...just as Secretaries Sawyer and Snyder have been trying to do.

In the nineteen forty six Congressional election, the Democrats couldn't make much headway with "prosperity"...prices were high; there was much labor unrest; and a clamoring for the end of controls. The Democrats couldn't sell prosperity to the country, so they lost control of the House.

On the basis of our political history, the Republicans, regardless of the merits of their case, must expect great difficulty in selling their thesis of "liberty versus socialism" in an off-year election, being held in relatively good times, and involving more local than national issues.

A group of building industry leaders came over from London to see how we build houses...they found that american workmen dont lay down on the job... havent aquired the habit of doing less than they arexxxxx capable of doing.. And they added..the influence of his wife and her desire for a well equipped home should not be underestimated.Thats an undestatement meant to say that Americans work harder because their wives expect or demand more worldly goods.They arent doing too badly...women own forty seven percent of xxx all railroad stocks in this country.buy twice as much goods as men.Women have their hands either alone or jintly on seventy six percent of the savings deposits.Even thirty percent of the clothes worn by men are bought by women.(and women live five years longer than men.).One survey says that ninety percent of all american industry is geared directly or indirectly to womens tastes.And wonder of wonders a Fortune Survey shows men and women in agreement..(that women are the more extravagant).If those British builders had stayed about a bit longer they would have discovered that it isnt just the wifes desire for a better home that causes American men to work hard..

A year ago tonight, we confessed our inability to speak with any authority regarding the outcome of the Kentucky Derby. Our experts were in complete disagreement, though willing to back their judgments with money. Tonight, we find ourselves in the same dilema, with the added feature that Congress is considering a bill to prohibit the transmission of racing information across state boundaries.

Last year, feeling obliged to say something about horses on the eve of this great classic, we read you a small piece on how to harness a horse, continental fashion. It was written by Mark Twain who said he was not an expert on horses; didn't speak with assurance; but could always tell which was the front end of a horse. Beyond that, his art was not above the ordinary. Tonight, in response to public demand -- maybe as many as a half-dozen letters -- here again, is Mark Twain's description of how to harness a horse, continental fashion: "The man stands up the horses on each side of the thing that projects from the front end of the wagon, and then throws the tangled mess of gear on top of the horses, and passes the thing that goes forward through a ring and hauls it aft; and passes the other thing through the other ring, and hauls it aft on the other side of the other horse, opposite to the first one, after crossing them, and bringing the loose

end back, and then buckles the other thing underneath the horse, and takes another thing and wraps it around the thing I spoke of before, and puts another thing over each horses head---with broad flappers to it (to keep the dust out of his eyes,) and puts the iron thing in his mouth (for him to grit his teeth on uphill,) and brings the ends of this thing aft over his back, after buckling another one around under his neck (to hold his head up,) and hitching another thing on a thing that goes over his shoulders (to keep his head up when he is climbing a hill,) and then takes the slack of the thing which I mentioned a while ago and fetches it aft and makes it fast to the thing that pulls the wagon and hands the other things up to the driver to steer with. I never have buckled a horse myself, said Twain, but I do not think we do it that way." #

And if anyone should buckle a horse that way at the Derby Tomorrow - make History -

This is Ed Murrow in Wash.

Now back to Bob Dixon in N.Y.

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General Taylor, [redacted] is confident that May 28th can be handled without an explosion. But there are several highly placed officials in Washington who do not share his optimism.

The West German Government has taken on another two thousand policemen, which gives them a total of eleven thousand. The plan for the defence of West Berlin calls for them to be used first. If they can't control the situation, Allied troops will use loudspeakers to order the "Free German Youth" to disperse. If this fails, the troops will advance with fixed bayonets - if there is any throwing of stones or bricks, tear gas will be used. After that, shots will be fired in the air. If none of this works, serious shooting will begin. This action - if it has to be taken - will be against German youths, presumably unarmed, who will probably be stiffened by units of the east German military police. So it will be Allied soldiers confronting Germans, (with probably not a Russian in sight.) If there is violence and bloodshed, the Russians and the German communists may get themselves some martyrs, that they can use as the Nazis used Horst Wessel.

These tactics seem to fit the pattern of Russian policy, which is to apply maximum pressure with the minimum risk of starting a shooting war at this time. It is, of course, possible that the Russians may be whipping up this tension in Berlin in order to concentrate our attention there, while they make a move somewhere else. It may be that this

whole demonstration was designed as a bluff; if so, the bluff has been called; and that creates a situation which must remain in delicate balance until we see what happens on May 28th.

The three Western Powers are in complete agreement as to how the matter should be handled. And if there should be any doubt about the seriousness of the situation one item of information should dispel that doubt: the American garrison has postponed the opening of its baseball season until June third. The troops are too busy training.

Now Bob Dixon has a note for your guaranty list —

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Well Bob, all the reports from West Berlin indicate that both soldiers and civilians are calm and steady. No sign of panic. Maybe they remember what Will Rogers said: "Panic is like war; you can talk yourself into one, but you have to fight your way out."

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The French proposal was both bold and unprecedented. A year or two ago, it is unlikely that any French government could have made such a proposal and survived. Even now, it is not clear how much support there is for the project in France. The Communists will, of course, oppose it. And many French socialists will see the scheme as a threat to their ideas of

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Tonight after he arrived in London, Foreign Minister Schuman told our Paris correspondent by telephone that a French-German reconciliation would prove that "no wound is beyond healing." He thought his plan would be "a dynamic operation whose influence on others cannot even be imagined." He denied charges that the plan is a cloak for the creation of a giant cartel and war arsenal. Said the French proposed the appointment of a United Nations observor and a public report to the world twice a year.

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Here in Washington, Republican Senator Cain of Washington state noting that the President is going to "dedicate" a generator at Grand Coulee dam tomorrow..informed his colleagues that the dam has 13 generators and 12 have been "dedicated" under proper political auspices during the past 16 years.

In Mississppi today, at a convention of States Righters, Publisher J. Oliver Emmerich called on Dixecrats to "throw the planned economy theorists out of Washington..sell the people against a deficit spending, creeping socialism and the totalitarian state". He said: "when the South is secure, the nation is secure". A.F. of L. President Green said today that his union is out to get higher pay for its members this year...plus lower prices.. (to head-off widespread unemployment.)

The Department of Agriculture says dry weather and insects have taken a heavy toll of the winter wheat crop but we'll still get some 690 million bushels..enough for our home and overseas needs.

The House Ways and Means Committee today rejected a proposal to put a 70-million dollar a year excise tax on horse race betting. About one and a half billion dollars are bet annually through pari-mutual machines.

Vice President Barkeley has named a Senate committee to conduct a gambling investigation. It consists of Democratic Senators Kefavuer of Tennessee..O'Connor of Maryland and Hunt of Wyoming..and Republicans Tobey of New Hampshire and Wiley of Wisconsin.

The Tydings Committee today started going through State Department loyalty files onl 81 persons accused of by Senator McCarthy of being bad security risks or worse. Senator Tydings says the committee "has everything the government has got ".. and he said if Senator McCarthy insists that the files have been "raped"..he'd better produce evidence.."otherwide its just a lot of hocus pocus". The State Department denies Senator McCarthy's week-end charge that one of our diplomats is a foreign agent. Undersecretary Peurifoy says there is no evidence to "even remotely substantiate" the charge.

In California, another ex-Communist told a state legislature committee that he had attended a housewarming party with some 50 to 75 persons some years ago. Later, from a picture he was shown by federal agents, he identified one of the guests as Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. The witness, Alfred Barbosa, said all the guests were Communists. Last night, Dr. Oppenheimer said: He has never been a member of the party..but he knew many left-wing people..belonged to several left-wing organizations many years ago.. and the gov-

government knew all this when he started work on the atomic bomb project at Los Alamos. A California committee member called this: "a rather weak and left-handed denial".

In New York today, the body of Dominick Attaeo was brought up from a 20-feetdeep shaft where he had been trapped for 27 hours. Doctors said the 49-year old father of six children died in agony just a few minutes before rescuers reached him.

Tomorrow, the Big Three Foreign Ministers open one of the most important sessions since the end of the war. Secretary of State Acheson has already had his preliminary conversations with Schuman in Paris and Bevin in London. Today, Mr. Acheson approved, but in most cautious language, yesterday's proposal by the Grench government. That proposal was that French and German steel and coal production should be brought together as a single unit, and that other countries be invited to join the huge concentration of industrial power Mr. Acheson said today that this was a scheme long favored by the United States -- a most important development. Then Mr. Acheson became most diplomatic: he said, "While it is obvious, that further analysis and final judgement regarding the proposals must await the availability of details concerning it. I recognise with my sympathy and approval the significance and far reaching intent of the French initiative".

The French proposal was both bold and unprecedented. A year or two ago, it is unlikely that any French government could have made such a proposal and survived. Even now, it is not clear how much support there is for the project in France. The Communists will, of course, oppose it. And many French socialists will see the scheme as a threat to their ideas of public ownership. Chancellor Adenauer of the West German government, welcomes the proposal; calls the plan to weld French and German heavy industry together, a "generous step". Probably the most eloquent reaction to the dramatic French proposal has come from London where there has been complete silence. If the French plan should come off, Britain would face a Franco-German combine or great strength and competitive power. If the British should be tempted to join, it would involve a drastic revision of her plans for a managed economy. Both the British government and the press appear unenthusiastic about the French proposal.

Tonight after he arrived in London, Foreign Minister Schuman told our Paris correspondent

He thought his plan would be "a dynamic operation whose influence on others cannot even be imagined". He denied charges that the plan is a cloak for the creation of a giant cartel and war arsenal. He said the French proposed the appointment of a United Nations observor and a public report to the world twice a year.

Count Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, today praised the "audacious initiative" of the French in proposing to pool Franco-German steel and coal output and said the proposal will assume" historic value in the search for lasting peace between the French and German peoples".

This plan, which it should be remembered, is a rather nebulous one, is a long way from realization. The German industries involved are now operating under an international authority and the final ownership of the German coal mines and steel mills is still to be settled. In addition to this, the West German government itself is operating under a constitution, the last clause of which says the whole constitution shall be null and void the moment a peace treaty is signed.

But even if British objections could be overcome, and the plan should be adopted, it would still not solve the basic illness of Europe's economy. A pooling of output does not create markets; and adequate markets for increased German output are not to be found in Western Europe or in this country. They lie east of the Iron Curtain. And whatever pooling arrangements and tarriff reductions may be agreed upon, the long-range economic health of Western Europe depends upon the re-establishment of trade between Eastern and Western Europe. And that in turn depends upon a settlemtnt between Russia and the West, so we are back where we started. To say that, is not to deny the bold and almost revolutionary aspect of the French plan, but rather to point out that it is a proposal of a plan and not a solution. It is basicly an effort to anchor Germany more firmly to the West.

Tonight, at a dinner in London, Secretary Acheson urged that Germany's partnership must not be confined to the economic field. "The Western world must with humility start casting aside the relationship of conqueror and conquered". "The people of Western Germany

said Mr. Acheson, "for better or worse, inevitably are a part of our company". And he added "that the Germans themselves must be prepared to accept their full measure of responsibility, and the full measure of what may appear to them as risks"...by which, he presumably meant, the risk of war with Russia. The Germans are a martial people in a good bargaining position. If they are asked to take risks, they will inevitably demand weapons. But that is a subject the Foreign Ministers are not talking about...at least not in public.

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This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York:

Well Bob...It seems to me that this sentence by Henry George Bohn might apply to nations as well as individuals..."Courage consists not in hazarding without fear but in being resolutely minded in a just cause..."

GOOD NIGHT & GOOD LUCK!

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railroads had accepted our offer to arbitrate our dispute. All trains would be running tonight if the railroads had been willing to be bound by the decision of an arbitration board appointed under the labor act. Arbitrators would go to the bottom of the dispute. Trick words, words like "featherbedding" and "no fires to tend" would not deceive an arbitration board. The board would have learned that there are five thousand special duty officials now doing firemen's work on Diesel locomotives. The board would have learned that the provisions of our contracts are being violated by the railroads. In short, the board would have learned that there is work to be done. Right now, the railroads are requiring firemen to be in two places at one time. The fireman has a complete set of duties to perform in the forward cab of a Diesel locomotive. He has a second set of duties to perform in the motor room of a Diesel, where he may be one hundred yards back from the forward cab, leaving the engineer alone. In the forward cab, the fireman must perform many duties such as calling signals to the engineer, maintaining a rigid lookout on the right-of-way, observing and carrying out orders, which control the movement of the train in traffic, and many other duties which insure safety to the traveling public.

The fireman has additional duties and work to perform in the motor rooms They often require over half of his time on a trip. The railroads in their paid newspaper campaigns have called me a reckless Union leader. They say the Brotherhood is irresponsible. Well, we've been in business 76 years and this is the first time we have called a strike to enforce national contract requests. One strike in seventy-six years is not reckless or irresponsible and that is our position tonight, Mr. Murrow.

MURROW: That was David Robertson, President of the striking Union.

Now, let's hear the case from management. It is presented by William T. Farisee (?), President of the Association of American Railroads, who is here in our Washington News Room.

FARISEE: The question that really brought about this strike is the fundamental one, whether America's manpower shall be employed as the railroads insist, in usual and productive work, or whether it shall be wasted as the fire-

men's organization insists, in useless and unnecessary jobs. Whenever such a question arises, and management and men cannot agree, there is only one orderly way to settle the issue and that is to ask the President of the United States to appoint an impartial, disinterested board to hear both sides, investigate all the facts, and then recommend to the President and to the country what would be a fair disposition of the controversy. All this has already been done in this Diesel manpower controversy. Every issue, every claim now made by the firemen's organization, has been thoroughly investigated by two such presidentially appointed boards and both boards have found unanimously that there is no merit whatever in any of the Union's present demands. President Truman's board found that work on Diesel locomotives is more desirable than on steam locomotives, that by improving the competitive position of the railroads the Diesel has helped to preserve jobs for firemen, that the safety record of Diesel operation is notably good, and that there is no need for additional firemen for safety reasons or for any other reason.

So, the only reason we have a railroad strike tonight is that the firemen's organization refuses to accept the conclusions of an impartial board appointed by the President of the United States and still insists that the railroads yield on the vital and all-important question of manpower.

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President Truman, In Montana today, said he will not cease to fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law..said it "insidiously undermines the strength of labor unions. He also said that the people who now complain of government action, forget that for 17 years government action has been the salvation of private business.. has strengthened the private enterprise system against socialism, communism and other isms.

President Murray of the C.I.O. Steelworkers told the union convention today that the C.I.O. is the only organization in the United States that has taken practical steps to eradicate Communism from the movement. Mr. Murray also charged that some businessmen are doing business with Communist unions "rather than a fighting organization of high-principled American trade union leaders."

Here in Washington, Democratic Senator Chavis of New Mexico took the floor for a fierce attack on Louis Budenz, the former Communist who has testified before many congressional committees and jurys. Senator Chavez.. noting that for the first time in 19

years in the Senate he was speaking as a Roman Catholic as well as an American citizen-- accused Budenz of using the cross of the church "as a club for his own ulterior motives." (Budenz returned to the Catholic church after he left the Communist party.) Senator Chavis reviewed in some detail Budenz private life.. accused him of bigamy..said Budenz admits to engaging in conspiracies to commit murder and espionage while a party member. Now..said the Senator.. Budenz has a lust for publicity..is unable to give a straight answer..doesn't know the truth from a lie.. is using the Catholic church as a shield and CLOAK to protect his "un-ameircan, un-Christian testimony" against others. Senator Chavis asked: "If we think so little of Communism, why do we believe a confessed Communist?" And he deplored what he called "the fashion" in this country to lionize ex-Communists..to treat them as heroes of the Republic. The Senator thinks Budenz is still a Communist.. a deliberate Communist plant.. to smear American officials and policies. "That,"he said, "is how the Communists operate."

Senator McCarthy, who has made charges of Communism against several state department employes, called the Chavis attack on Budenz "an outrageous attempt to smear" a man who is truthful, courageous, accurate.

The Communist newspaper Pravda today called [redacted] Owen Lattimore and Ambassador Jessup-- "deliberate, true servants of American reactionaries." Senator McCarthy has called Mr. Lattimore the top Soviet spy in this country.. accused Ambassador Jessup of having RED LEANINGS.

Here in Washington, Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the American Communist party, went to prison today..to begin serving a one year sentence for contempt of congress three years ago. Dennis fought his case through the supreme court, unsuccessfully.

Postmaster General Donaldson has no intention of cancelling the orders he's issued to cut-back mail service..to save money. Mr. Donaldson says he does not think his new orders will be a great inconvenience to the public.. believes most complaints against them have been inspired by the letter carriers union..

The government today filed an anti-trust suit against seven major oil companies that operate in five western states: California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona. The government claims these companies are monopolizing oil production, transportation, refining and marketing in their area. The companies deny this..say they will fight the case.. point out that a federal grand jury spent 18 months studying their records and did not return any indictment.

In New York today, the conference of mayors, heard San Fransisco's Mayor Robinson charge that the federal government has bungled the civilian defense program.

The American Bowling Congress today voted to eliminate a "whites only" clause from its constiution. Convention delegates acted after they were toldthat law suits against the clause were "affecting the very life" of the organization. Local city associations of the big bowling group will now decide "the acceptability of their members."

In London today, the Big Three foreign ministers issued two communiques. One pledged to continue to uphold western rights in Berlin.. protect the democratic rights of its inhabitants... seek re-unification of the whole city through free elections. The other communique accused the Russians of holding large numbers of Germans, taken prisoner during the war. The Russians say they've returned them all.. The foreign ministers say a large number of German families who received letters from prisoners in the past are still waiting for the men to be released.

United Nations Secretary-General Trygvie Lie, in Moscow, talked with Foreign Minister Vishinsky for an hour and a half. We're not told what they talked about..or what they may have decided.

For the past couple of months we have been observing this city of Washington...having had a casual acquaintace with it [redacted] over the last twenty years. This has produced certain impressions...purely personal, and in no way profound.

I suspect that the key to this city is not to be found in its architecture, society, food, museums, art galleries or politics. It is neither diplomacy nor drink; lobbyists nor limp weather, that gives this city its special character and personality. Cities like individuals maybe placid, boistrous, gay, solemn, dissolute or disdainful [redacted]. And cities, like individuals, show in a measure at least, some physical sign of their character. Here in Washington, that physical sign seems to be not to be the dome of the Capitol, the Washington Monument, or any other of the great landmarks. It is not the wonderful medley of American aceents and intonations from all parts of a great continent; (each reminding you in turn of the sights and sounds of the part of the country from which the speaker comes.) This is the place where laws are made; where the High Court determines justice; where the armed forces make their plans. It is also the place to which foreign nations look with a mixture of admiration and

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fear. But these things do not explain why Washington is the way it is. I suggest that the real character of this city is to be found in the large, sweeping boulevards where every so often you come to a circle with four or five streets fanning out from it...like the ribs of an umbrella. Once into the circle you may emerge on to any of those streets; you may return the way you came; or you may just go round and round. [redacted] Washington is a huge circle. You may take one street that will lead you to intellectual conversations...the kind you hear on a university campus. Another will lead you to learned discussion of the law or agriculture. Another into economics, finance, transportation, art or architecture. [redacted] This is a "special interest" society, and the streets, meet only at the circle. There the traffic is often confusing and their are a few drivers who just keep going round and round. Occasionally, a car breaks down or there is a collision and the traffic is really snarled. Some of those circles have as many as thirty seven traffic lights...beautifully co-ordinated. But right now there is confusion in the circle and the lights are not co-ordinated. ~~It~~ Washington is a circle of confusion not easy to circumnavigate. There are a few men standing on

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the corners practicing the art of circumlocution...which, as I understand it, involves the use of many words to express an idea that might be expressed by a few words or one.

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As the cars go round and round the circle, many of the drivers appear to be looking for a sign that reads "This Way to Peace, Security, Freedom...no curves and free gasoline". None has found it. A little man on one corner is haranging pedestrians waiting to cross, telling them the future is going to be tough; and that we can't afford the cost of the cold war. A listener reminds him we were spending nearly a hundred billion a year at the height of the last war...we'd be spending that much ~~yet~~ still if we hadn't won it. Not many people would have come forth to say, in that war, that we had to quit because we had run out of money. And it looks like this war

we are in now—

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will be as decisive as the last one...certainly as important to win.

Some of the people going around the circle appear to be crusaders looking for a cause; willing and anxious to make sacrifices; to accept both hardship and leadership if Someone would Tell them What is Required of them— the traffic lights would only get unsnarled so they could find the right road. ~~There is a tendency for~~ most of the traffic to spill out on to ~~the broad, pleasant streets. But here~~ in Washington, ~~if you take the wrong street out of a circle you may have~~ to do some ~~dodging and twisting through~~ narrow ~~streets before you reach your~~ destination ~~and before~~ getting there you ~~may find yourself in another circle.~~

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They solved this circle problem one place here in Washington

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by driving a road straight under the whole circle. It took a long time; some careful engineering; it cost the taxpayers a lot of money; and the business establishments around the circle suffered considerable losses. Maybe we'll have to do the same thing as a nation before we get a clear road.

I have been told that Washington is an accurate reflection of the nation, but this I disbelieve, because so few cities are laid out with this system of traffic circles. [redacted]

This is Ed Murrow in Washington...now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

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Thank you very much! (applause)

I'm sorry that I can't present to you Mrs. Truman and Margaret. They've had a most terrific day and they had to go to bed.

WOMAN: Mr. President, these roses are from the (drowned out by applause and background noise) in Minnesota.

TRUMAN: I'll tell Mrs. Truman.

WOMAN: (drowned out)..... and we hope that you enjoy them, and this is a special corsage for Mrs. Truman from her (drowned out) sisters in (drowned out).

TRUMAN: Oh, that's wonderful! (30)

Ed. trans.-A.A.Cardiff

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This is the news:

Senator Taft, speaking for the Republican party, will say tonight that the past Democratic Administrations have made a third world war possible by their softness to Russia. The Present Administration's policies would bankrupt the nation. The text of the Senator's answer to the President's Chicago speech of last night was released several hours before its scheduled broadcast. On foreign policy, Senator Taft had this to say: We have placed Russia in a position where she THREATENS to dominate the world. The Pro-Communist policies of the State Department permitted Russia to take over China, threaten to absorb the entire Far East. The Administration policy is full of contradictions: we loan money to Tito but not to Franco.. we help defend Indo-China but not Formosa.. we feed Germany at the same time we dismantle her plants. As for domestic matters: Senator Taft says the Administration would spend us into a false boom. Then would come the depression. The President 's program has been rejected by the Democratic 81st congress JUST as it was rejected by the Republican 80th. The President promises everyone everything and hopes to back it up with government money. The people

are alarmed about this. Their confidence is also shaken in the political immorality of the Administration.. the vote frauds in Kansas City.. the Hiss case.. the Amerasia case. [redacted]. Then the Senator takes note of Mr. Truman's final speech in Maryland today where he [redacted] challenged the Republicans to come up "with something better than the Fair Deal." Senator Taft said a Republican Congress would: welcome any efforts toward peace..go along with the President if he wants to negotiate with Russian leaders.. insist on a strong armed force.. eliminate pro-Communists from State Department policy jobs.. insist on [redacted] a return to the principles of thrift and a sound fiscal policy.

The text of the Taft speech was released after [redacted] Democratic Chairman Boyle summed up the Truman tour this way: the President and the Democrats are more popular than ever.#

One man who watched the President at his [redacted] whistle-stop appearances [redacted] disagrees with that. He's Victor Johnston, of the Republican committee, who followed the President to the west coast. He's in the newsroom now and we'll hear from him in a minute.

~~But Senator McCarthy says this proves the Democrats aren't concerned about Communists in the government, just worried about what it may mean in votes.~~

~~Pennsylvania Republican candidates for the Senate and governor will be the indication of the results for a few hours.~~

Four key railroads are getting back to normal schedules tonight.. after 18-thousand firemen called off their strike. The railroads and the union disagree on what the settlement actually is. The union says it has "modified" its principal demand: (for a second firemen on multiple unit diesel locomotives.) The railroads say the union "dropped" this demand. Both sides have agreed to arbitrate other issues.

The House Ways and Means Committee has voted to put a withholding tax of 10 per cent on corporation dividends. They figure this will raise 150-million a year. The committee turned down the Treasury proposal to increase estate and gift taxes by 400-million a year.

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[redacted]

John L. Lewis today wrote a House Labor subcommittee that he did not send out secret signals to the miners during last winter's coal strike. Mr. Lewis declined to testify before the committee.

The Weather Bureau says that most of the country can expect it to be a little warmer than normal from now until the middle of June. But it may be a little cooler than usual in the Rocky Mountain-Dakotas area.

The State Department says the Russian charge that Americans are making aerial surveys of the Iranian-Soviet frontier is "utter and complete nonsense."

And the U. S. High Commission in Germany says just about the same thing of Moscow's offer to cut in half the reparations owed her by East Germany. The ORIGINAL claim was 10-billions. The High Commission says Russia already has funnelled 18-billion dollars worth of goods from East Germany.

The West German cabinet has unanimously approved the French proposal to pool German and French steel and coal industries.

The foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact nations spent the day in London talking about how to finance rearmament. The discussion continues tomorrow.

In Moscow, Trygvie Lie, who saw Stalin last night, met today with the Chinese Communist ambassador.

And on Formosa, the Chinese Nationalists announced that they've withdrawn 150-thousand men from the Chusan islands..(without a shot being fired.) The Nationalists say they did this "to meet the needs of over-all strategy" in the defense of Formosa. The Chusans had served as an air and naval base for attacks on the Communist-held mainland.. a blockade of the port of Shanghai .. 100 miles to the northwest. Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has told his people:"I cannot retreat anymore, even if I wanted to".. He promises that an invasion of the mainland will be launched within two years, with complete victory in five years. He says if the Communists should take Formosa, he will kill himself.

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non-partisan, non-political appearance. Citizens of these communities were told that no politics was involved, and everyone wanted to join in honoring the President and his high office. Working on this basis, schools were dismissed, and factories and stores were closed; drum corps and boy scout troops turned out; and each community tried to do its best to honor the President. Then when the crowd was assembled, the "medicine show", as I call it, began, and the crowd was given an old-fashioned political speech setting forth the Truman version of the New Deal.

MURROW: Did you get the impression that they bought much of the medicine, as you call it?

JOHNSTON: It was difficult to tell because the crowds were not demonstrative at any time. There was a respect for the speaker, but most meetings were marked by lack of enthusiasm. Many, of course, came to see the President from curiosity; many came to see the thirteen-car special train; many came to see name newspaper writers and radio commentators. Like every other medicine show of the old days, the nostrums offered a guarantee to cure all ills.

MURROW: Well Mr. Johnston, did you learn anything from this medicine

MURROW: show that may be useful in organizing or planning Republican medicine shows in 1952?

JOHNSTON: Yes, I think I did. I picked up many ideas that I am going to pass on to our committees in Washington for such action as they see fit. I don't quarrel with the idea of the President discussing the issues with the country. I think it's a good idea. I do object, however, to the political campaign trip being labelled non-political when, in fact, it was not. And I do object to the taxpayers paying the bill for a trip which should be paid for by the Democratic National Committee.

MURROW: But as a Republican you would say that the whole thing was well-organized and planned - is that right?

JOHNSTON: Yes, it was. The President had something for everybody; in the farming country of Iowa and Nebraska he is going to maintain high farm prices; in the dry lands and semi-desert country he is going to give them water; there's going to be four thousand dollars a year income for everyone. The small business man is going always to prosper. The only thing the President failed to state in any of his speeches was how he was going to

JOHNSTON: pay for this beneficent economy.

MURROW: He did meet the Republican slogan of Socialism versus Freedom, though, didn't he?

JOHNSTON: Well, I don't know whether he exactly met it or not, but he at all times took delight in digging up quotes many years old showing how certain unnamed Republicans had been against certain measures as socialistic, which are now accepted by everyone as being a good thing. Here he was punching at ancient shadows, in an effort to avoid discussing the real current issues. As Senator Milliken of Colorado said the other day on the Floor of the Senate, from reading President Truman's speeches one would think that nothing good for the human race had started to happen until seventeen years ago when the New Deal came into being.

MURROW:

Well, Mr. Johnston, you listened to the speeches and mingled with the crowds; did you form the impression that the people share Mr. Truman's optimism about the future?

JOHNSTON: No, I don't think they do. I think President Truman left wholly unanswered in the minds of all of his audiences two very important questions: first, how are the increasing costs of government going to be met; the second question is a combination of fear of war, a feeling of frustration that we have lost the peace and that somehow our State Department has been responsible for it. In none of his sixty-odd speeches did Mr. Truman even touch on these important subjects.

MURROW: The President made one speech in Chicago last night that was openly labelled as political. Did you attend that one?

JOHNSTON: No, I left Chicago before the meeting opened. The committees in Washington who sent me out on this trip asked me to study crowd reactions and reception of the President's remarks. Obviously in Chicago, where the entire meeting was run by the highly efficient political machine of Jack Arvey, there was no point in studying crowd reactions. The boys in the Wards were told to fill the hall, or else.

MURROW: How do you like this business of being a shadow?

JOHNSTON: Well, it's strenuous. No matter what one's political opinion of President Truman may be, no one can question his ability to get up early in the morning. Certainly I take off my hat to a man who can make a speech at six o'clock in the morning, even if those non-political speeches did sound like old-fashioned politics to me.

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Now here is Bob Dixon to talk about the weather

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JOHNSTON: Well, I don't know; I was very much flattered when the President acknowledged my presence. I appeared at these meetings openly, with no attempt to conceal my identity or my presence there. I told the newspaper reporters that I was making the trip to see how he did it.

MURROW: There's some difference of opinion about the crowds. Were they organized or impromptu?

JOHNSTON: It was a combination of both. It is my contention that at the mostly so-called whistle stop appearances the program was sold as a

Well Bob...We were asking questions of Vic Johnston who shadowed the President on his cross country trip....Mr Truman spoke graciously and tolerantly of Mr Johnston..Perhaps recalling what Sophocles said... "I am not so infatuate as to grasp the shadow, when I hold the substance fast....And Mr Johnston may derive some comfort from the words of Charles Churchill..." Strange to relate, but wonderfully true, that even shadows have their shadows too. ~~.Anyway no one has heard Mr Truman singing that old song...Me and my shadow,all alone and feeling blue...~~

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The text of the Taft speech was released after Democratic Chairman Boyle summed up the Truman tour this way: the President and the Democrats are more popular than ever. One man who watched the President at his whistle-stop appearances disagrees with that.. He's Victor Johnston, of the Republican committee, who followed the President to the west coast. He's in the newsroom now and we'll hear from him in a minute.

Four key railroads are getting back to normal schedules tonight..after 18-thousand

firemen called off their strike. The railroads and the union disagree on what the settlement actually is. The union says it has "modified" its principal demand: for a second fireman on multiple unit diesel locomotives. The railroads say the union "dropped" this demand. Both sides have agreed to arbitrate other issues.

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John L. Lewis today wrote a House Labor subcommittee that he did not sendout secret signals to the miners during last winter's coal strike. Mr. Lewis declined to testify before the committee.

The Weather Bureau says that most of the country can expect it to be a little warmer than normal from now until the middle of June. But it may be a little cooler than usual in the Rocky Mountain-Dakotas area.

The State Department says the Russian charge that Americans are making aerial surveys of the Iranian-Soviet frontier is "utter and complete nonsense".

And the U. S. High Commission in Germany says just about the same thing of Moscow's offer to cut in half the reparations owed her by East Germany. The original claim was 10-billions. The High Commission says Russia already has funnelled 18-billion dollars worth of goods from East Germany.

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In Moscow, Trygvie Lie, who say Stalin last night, met today with the Chinese Communist ambassador.

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Here in New York Vladimir Houdek, a Czechoslovak delegate at the United Nations, has given up his job..asked the President for asylum in this country, because Czechoslovakia "has ceased to exist as an independent state".

Last night we played for you a few excerpts from Mr. Truman's rear platform speeches. Tonight we are going to put a few questions to a man who has come to be known as a shadow (but not a non-political one). Mr. Truman made frequent references to him during his speeches, and even quoted a little rhyme about shadows in his "frankly" political speech in Chicago last night. Mr. Victor A. Johnston is the Campaign Director of the Republican Senate Committee. Mr. Truman ignored a lot of Senators, but made repeated reference to Mr. Johnston; invited him to ride on the train. Mr. Johnston, why do you think the President singled you out for this attention.

JOHNSTON: Well, I don't know; I was very much flattered when the President acknowledged my presence. I appeared at these meetings openly, with no attempt to conceal my identity or my presence there. I told the newspaper reporters that I was making the trip to see how he did it.

MURROW: There's some difference of opinion about the crowds. Were they organized or impromptu?

JOHNSTON: It was a combination of both. It is my contention that at the mostly so-called whistle stop appearances the program was sold as a non-partisan, non-political

appearance. Citizens of these communities were told that no politics was involved, and everyone wanted to join in honoring the President and his high office. Working on this basis, schools were dismissed, and factories and stores were closed; drum corps and boy scout troops turned out; and each community tried to do its best to honor the President. Then when the crowd was assembled, the "medicine show", as I call it, began, and the crowd was given an old-fashioned political speech setting forth the Truman version of the New Deal.

MURROW: Did you get the impression that they bought much of the medicine, as you call it?

JOHNSTON: It was difficult to tell because the crowds were not demonstrative at any time. There was a respect for the speaker, but most meetings were marked by lack of enthusiasm. Many, of course, came to see the President from curiosity; many came to see the thirteen-car special train; many came to see name newspaper writers and radio commentators. Like every other medicine show of the old days, the nostrums offered a guarantee to cure all ills.

MURROW: Well Mr. Johnston, did you learn anything from this medicine show that may be useful in organizing or planning Republican medicine showsin 1952?

JOHNSTON: Yes, I think I did. I picked up many ideas that I am going to pass on to our committees in Washington for such action as they see fit. I don't quarrel with the idea of the President discussing the issues with the country. I think it's a good idea. I do object, however, to the political campaign trip being labelled non-political when, in fact, it was not. And I do object to the taxpayers paying the bill for a trip which should be paid for by the Democratic National Committee.

MURROW: But as a Republican would you say that the whole thing was well-organized and planned - is that right?

JOHNSTON: Yes, it was. The President had something for everybody; in the farming country of Iowa and Nebraska he is going to maintain high farm prices; in the dry lands and semi-

desert country he is going to give them water; there's going to be four thousand dollars a year income for everyone. The small business man is going always to propper. The only thing the President failed to state in any of his speeches was how he was going to pay for this beneficent economy.

MURROW: He did meet the Republican slogan of Socialism versus Freedom, though, didn't he?

JOHNSTON: Well, I don't know whether he exactly met it or not, but he at all times took delight in digging up quotes many years old showing how certain unnamed Republicans had been against certain measures as socialistic, which are now accepted by everyone as being a good thing. Here he was punching at ancient shadows, in an effort to avoid discussing the real current issues. As Senator Milliken of Colorado said the other day on the Floor of the Senate, from reading President Truman's speeches one would think that nothing good for the human race had started to happen until seventeen years ago when the New Deal came into being.

MURROW: Well, Mr. Johnson, you listened to the speeches and mingled with the crowds; did you form the impression that the people share Mr. Truman's optimism about the future?

JOHNSTON: No, I don't think they do. I think President Truman left wholly unanswered in the minds of all of his audiences two very important questions: first, how are the increasing costs of government going to be met; the second question is a combination of fear of war, a feeling of frustration that we have lost the peace and that somehow our State Department has been responsible for it. In none of his sixty-odd speechesdid Mr. Truman even touch on these important subjects.

MURROW: The President made one speech in Chicago last night that was openly labelled as political. Did you attend that one?

JOHNSTON: No, I left Chicago before the meeting opened. The committees in Washington who sent me out on this trip asked me to study crowd reactions and reception of the President's remarks. Obviously in Chicago, where the entire meeting was run by the highly efficient political machine of Jack Arvey, there was no point in studying crowd reactions.

JOHNSTON: The boys in the Wards were told to fill the hall, or else.

MURROW: How do you like this business of being a shadow?

JOHNSTON: Well, it's strenuous. No matter what one's political opinion of President Truman may be, no one can question his ability to get up early in the morning. Certainly I take off my hat to a man who can make a speech at six O'clock in the morning, even if those non-political speeches did sound like old-fashioned politics to me.

Now here is Bob Dixon to talk about the weather:

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Five of the nation's biggest tire manufacturers today announcedprice increases ranging from

two and a half per cent for passenger car tires to five per cent for truck tires. They say the cost of natural rubber has gone up.

Congress has now completed action on the 21-re-organization plans submitted by the President last March. Five were turned down..16 approved...that's a batting average of 760. The Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report says this progress is the best in our history but "its still not good enough."

The House today approved..(with little debate..) 350-millions for new Navy construction.. including a 40-million dollar experimental atomic submarine. The representatives also okayed 580 millions for high priority military construction in this country and overseas.

The House passed, and sent to the Senate, the g foreign aid bill that runs to 3-billion 121-million. But Senator Taft wants to remove the provision for 35-million to start Point Four..the program to help underdeveloped countries. He says the way its worded suggests that the government is going to guarantee private investments abroad.

The Federal Communications Commission has asked all telephone companies to preserve their records of long distance phone calls...because Senate crime investigators want to look them over.

The President said today he's received a post card from someone saying we ought to surrender to Russia..better to lose our freedom than lose our lives. Mr. Truman says this sort of "Patrick-Henry-in-reverse" feeling is growing. He told a Conference on Citizenship that he hopes they'll do something about it.

The government today signed an agreement with Iran..the last of 13 nations sharing in the arms aid program. Iran is expected to get some 10-million dollars worth of help.

Republican Senator Knowland of California doesn't think much of the meetings Trygve Lie, the United Nations secretary general, has been having with leaders of the Big Four. The Senator says Mr. Lie is trying to "appease" Russia..we must make it known we want no part of his plans.

The Czech government has asked us to cut our diplomatic staff in Prague in half..down to

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Two more big British unions---the post office workers and the civil service clerks - have decided not to go along with the Labor government's wage-freeze policy.

And in Moscow, Dmitiri Shostakovich, who was criticized two years ago for writing "decadent, bourgeois music" was bawled out again today...for not working hard enough on a new opera.

It rather looks as though Berlin would hold more than a fair share of world interest for the next five days. The Communists are moving a half-million blue-shirted youngsters into their sector for a giant demonstration, which will reach its climax on Sunday.

Today the American, British and French Governments sent parallel notes of protest to Moscow, demanding that the Russians dissolve their East German police force at once. The Western Powers state that this police force, numbering about fifty thousand, violates five agreements signed by the Soviet Union. Our note said this: "The East German Force is not an ordinary police force, and it doesnot have ordinary police duties. It receives basic infantry, artillery and armour training, and is equipped with military weapons, including machine guns, howitzers, mortars, and tanks. It must be regarded, therefore, as a military force." We also said, in effect, to the Russians that if they want anybody to believe that they really want peace, they will dissolve this police army at once.

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The West Berlin Government strengthened its police force; American, British and

French troops began rugged riot-control training; and the Russians and the German communists were told that their half-million so-called Free German Youth and their police would not be allowed to cross the sector frontier, even if it took shooting to stop them.

This afternoon Gerhardt Eisler spoke in a different vein. He held a press conference in what's left of Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. In answering questions he mixed irony with insult, asserting that the week-end rally will be entirely peaceful; nobody will get hurt; American reporters will have a change to report the demonstration, and end what he calls "the Western hysteria." Eisler thought it was time American Generals stopped being afraid. The whole theme of this pressconference was that the rally this weekend will be a quiet, disciplined manifestation of youth's craving for peace, and for the unity of Germany.

Eisler's contention was that predictions of trouble merely reflect the "hysterical uncertainty of the atomic warmongers of the West."

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It is clear that the communists have switched their propaganda line in the face of Western firmness. They first said they were going to take over Berlin. Now their thesis is that this is a peaceful, orderly well-disciplined demonstration; and any incidents that occur will be provoked by hysterical trigger-happy imperialists of the West. Whatever happens, the communists have done their best to make martyrs in advance of anyone who gets a broken head or worse.

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Back in the personal column again you might find something like this: "Tito: family anxious hear from you. Come home. Uncle Joe troubled."

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Over near the travel section of the newspaper you might find this two-line ad.: "Man driving empty car around world. Willing provide free transportation four passengers, if they agree argue not fight." Signed, Trygve Lie."

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The House today approved a two-year extension of the draft law. The vote was 216 to 11. Eighteen-year-olds will have to continue to register for military service. But they CAN not be drafted, until Congress decides that a national emergency exists. Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said that in addition to this draft bill, we need "a complete mobilization law, dealing with capital, labor and manpower".. these laws to be put on a shelf, until needed in an emergency. #

The Senate is going to vote tomorrow on the foreign aid bill. Its already passed the House. But some Republican Senators have been holding it up with their objections to the Point Four plan... 35-millions to start helping underdeveloped areas of the world. Senator TAFT said today

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The President today started re-organizing some of the government agencies. He named two old friends, former senators, to top jobs. Mon Walgren, now a member of the Federal Power Commission, becomes its chairman. And James Mead, former senator from New York, becomes top man at the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Truman also named Major General Fleming, former head of the Maritime Commission. (which has been abolished.) to be undersecretary of commerce.. (in charge of all government transportation activities.) The Senate must approve the Fleming nomination. The others go into effect without such approval.

The President TODAY told visiting members of the Ohio Farm Bureau

that the country must find a new farm program that will provide prosperity for all "on an equal basis." He also told the visitors that he wishes he had some sons.. but wouldn't trade Daughter Margaret "for any two boys."

A number of Congressmen said today that they expect more arrests as the result of the confession of Harry Gold of Philadelphia, that he helped transmit atomic secrets to Russia. Gold was arrested last night as the result of a general description supplied by Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the British scientist, (recently sentenced to 14 years in prison for passing on atomic secrets to the Russians.) Two F.B.I. agents are questioning Fuchs in Britain. They say they'll have to spend a few more days at it, as a result of the Gold arrest. The F,B.I. says the 39-year-old hospital research chemist has confessed, that he met Fuchs in this country on five occassions.. got information from him which he passed on to another person, as yet unidentified. Gold said he did this because he thought, Russia, as a war-time ally, was entitled to the information he was helping her get.

The Senate Expenditures Committee today unanimously approved a 25-thousand dollar investigation of perverts on the federal government payrolls. This must be approved by the Senate.

The House Ways and Means committee wants to give tax dodgers a chance to avoid fines and possible prison sentences by voluntarily settling their bills. The treasury does this now.. but the committee wants to write it into law.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says more than a half million persons got jobs between the middle of March and the middle of April.

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Ermest Bevin told the House of Commons today: he wants to see the Chinese Communists in the United Nations.. doesn't want to ostracize any country on political grounds.. thinks Britain has done the right thing in recognizing the Communists... (even though the British have not been able as yet to set up diplomatic relations) Mr. Bevin also says the Russians are "on strike" against the U.N.. because they walk out of meetings where Chinese Nationalists are represented. And he told the House of Commons: Britain's friendships in southeast Asia are better than they've ever been.. Russia is not satisfied with her results in that part of the world.

In a London nursing home today, Field Marshal Earl Wavell died after an abdominal operation. He was 67..former viceroy in India.. the [redacted] the man who beat Italian Marshal Graziano's army in North Africa in 1940 and 1941.

Edward R. Murrow: May 24, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

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The head of the East German police referred to the Western Allies as "the enemy."

Tomorrow morning the Russians and their German police are planning to close the big highway leading from Berlin to Western Germany, for a period of forty-six hours.

This is the eightieth birthday of the man who has affected the destiny of his country more decisively, over a greater span of time, than any man in history. Back in June of 1886 a certain professor at Victoria College on the Cape of Good Hope received a letter. It was written by a sixteen-year-old boy applying for admission. He besought the friendship and guidance of the professor, and he wrote in part: "Of what use will a mind, enlarged and refined in all possible ways, be to me if my religion be a deserted pilot, and my morality a wreck." The letter was signed Jan Christian Smuts.

When he reached the age of twenty-eight, after a brilliant academic career, the Boers and the British in South Africa were preparing for battle. Smuts became President Kruger's Secretary of State. He wrote: "Every sea in the world is being furrowed by ships conveying British troops, in order to smash this handful of people." Young Smuts predicted: "It will be a fight that will stagger humanity." For two-and-a-half years Smuts' brilliance as a commander in the field staggered the British. And when the war was over he was one of the principal architects of the peace.

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General Smuts having twice been Prime Minister of his country, having acquired a great reputation as a scientist, scholar and statesman, came back to England in the last war. He was five years older than Winston Churchill. Only those two were left, of the men who had contrived the defeat of the Kaiser's Germany twenty-five years before. General Smuts' weight had not altered in the forty years since he had led Boer commandos against the British in South Africa. He was as erect as the latest graduate from West Point or Sandhurst. He was, I think, the least pretentious, most serene and

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Lesueur 25 May 1950 7:45p

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The bill provides almost 3 billion for Europe, a hundred million for Korea, 94 million for the China area, 27 and a half million for arab refugees in Palestine and 15 million for the international childrens fund. The measure now goes to the White House.. The cash must be supplied later in separate appropriation bills..

During the early debate, Senator Jenner of Indiana called the Point Four program" part of a communist plan to force America into bankruptcy."

Senator McCarthy made some new charges tonight...Said he could prove that Owen Lattimore once intervened to keep two alleged communists in the government service... The Wisconsin Republican accused the State Department of a "fraudulent cover-up" [redacted]d

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7:45 - 8:00 P.M. EDST

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The Administration won a victory tonight on its foreign aid program. The Senate approved a 3 billion dollar-plus, foreign aid bill, including a start on the President's Point Four program. The foreign aid bill contains 260 million dollars less than the Administration asked for, but nine Republicans broke ranks over the controversial Point Four program and gave the go-ahead to the entire foreign aid bill. Four democrats joined the fruitless opposition to strike out 35 million dollars for this technical aid to backward countries. The bill provides almost 3 billion for Europe, a hundred million for Korea, 94 million for the China area, 27 and a half million for Arab refugees in Palestine and 15 million for the international children's fund. The measure now goes to the White House. The cash must be supplied later in separate appropriation bills. During the early debate, Senator Jenner of Indiana called the Point Four program "part of a Communist plan to force American into bankruptcy."

Senator McCarthy made some new charges tonight...said he could prove that Owen Lattimore once intervened to keep two alleged Communists in the government service. The Wisconsin Republican accused the State Department of a "fraudulent cover-up". McCarthy renewed his attacks on Lattimore in a speech before the Catholic Press Association convention. He also again accused Ambassador-at-large Phillip Jessup, of affiliations with half a dozen Communist-front organizations. And said a Communist lawyer helped Senator Chaves write a recent speech. The New Mexico Democrat has accused ex-Communist Louis Budenz of using the Catholic Church "as a club". McCarthy did not name the lawyer.

The Reverend Gerald K. Smith came back into the news today. Offered to identify a number of prominent citizens as "notorious marxists and pro-marxists." A Senate sub-committee conducting hearingson world government declined to accept the identifications....said it would be a violation of committee rules.

A wild-cat strike has halted construction of a huge atomic plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. There is still no official explanation of the walk-out...It began yesterday afternoon when 700 A.F. of L.

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For a while today it seemed that for the first time in thirteen years I would miss scheduled air time. It was the usual business of delayed take-off, delay as Goose Bay, more delay in London and, finally, grounded here in Frankfort. I was due in Berlin tonite to interview General Maxwell Taylor, our commandant there. But when I arrived here in Frankfort, I discovered that Bill Downs had already done that for me. It's a wonderful thing to have fast-moving colleagues scattered about Europe. And so, here is Bill Downs' interview with General Maxwell Taylor.

DOWNS: General Taylor, could you give us a briefing on the Berlin situation as of this moment?

TAYLOR: Well, Mr. Downs, that's rather a big order. I will say that as we sit here tonite that everything seemed extremely quiet on the Berlin front. It looks as if the Communists really meant it when they said in recent weeks that they intended to make this a peaceful show. It's certainly a great contrast to those belligerent statements they were making a few months ago.

DOWNS: Does this mean you're not worrying about a half-million youths from the East Zone coming into the city?

TAYLOR: Well, I wouldn't say that we're worried; on the other hand, I would certainly insist that we're very much on the alert. It's impossible to have that many outside youngsters come to town without anticipating difficulties of one sort or another, even if there were no conspiracy, so to speak, behind this entire movement. You couldn't get that many boys into New York without having considerable trouble.

DOWNS: Well, fundamentally, what is the Berlin problem?

TAYLOR: The Berlin problem, fundamentally, is to execute in Berlin those same occupation missions which are being worked out in Western Germany. But I often think of the analogy of the old frontier, where the farmer went out with his gun to plow the fields. Well, he plowed for an hour and then the Indians came, and he had to pick up his gun and run them off. Well, here in Berlin we have the same problem. Our plowing is to execute the High Commissioner's objectives here in Berlin in creating a democratic Berlin, a Berlin which will be prepared to take its place in the world again. At the same time, it seems to me, we spend a lot of our time chasing off the Indians.

DOWNS: Well, so what happens if the Indians don't run?

TAYLOR: We're not concerned about that. We certainly know that the Indians are not going to come inside the stockade.

DOWNS: Well, General, what's your assessment of the Russians' intentions in Berlin? I mean, what are they really after?

TAYLOR: Well, of course, Mr. Downs, that is the really important factor in the Berlin situation. Deutschland Treffen, as I said, is just an important incident, a part of the long-range Soviet plan for Berlin. We can read their intent in the history books from 1945 to the present time. There is no question but what they're prepared to pay any price, short of war, to overrun all Berlin, consolidate it as a shining capital for a communized Germany.

DOWNS: Well, what about security?

TAYLOR: Well, in the security field the most important development, of course, has been the recent verification of the existence of a militarized East German force, the Volkspolizei. I think the record is pretty clear now that, at least on the Soviet side, the discussion of rearming Germany is less than academic; it's an accomplished fact.

DOWNS: What do you feel that the Russians themselves must feel about this thing? I mean, arming a force of 50,000 men. Do you feel that they have full confidence in these men? I mean, I don't know whether I would, personally, give 50,000 Germans tanks and guns. After all, it was only a few years ago we

were doing a job like that ourself against them.

TAYLOR: I would hesitate to interpret the Russian mental process. Certainly, I would doubt that they will be able to construct a really reliable military force from the Germans for a long time. The Germans have suffered so much from the Russian occupation, it'll be very difficult for them to find any reliable elements there to build on, in spite of the fact that the Germans are desperately seeking for a livelihood of some sort in the Eastern zone.

DOWNS: Well, it seems to me, General Taylor, that the Western Powers have sort of got a by-product out of Deutschland Treffen, this big demonstration that's taking place this week end, and I've seen it reflected, as you have probably, in our relationships with the German people themselves here and with our Allies.

TAYLOR: You're entirely right, Mr. Downs, it's the old question of the cloud with a silver lining. We've worked very hard in preparing for this threat of Deutschland Treffen. The result has been that the Allies -- the French, the British and the Americans -- are closer together in Berlin than they've ever been in the past. Furthermore, we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Western Germans, who are the most directly threatened by this Deutschland Treffen and by the Communist threat. I would say that we have gained much in our coordination of effort and are prepared to face the long future with much greater confidence than we ever could in the past.

DOWNS: Well, General Taylor, a final question. We've invested millions of dollars here, the airlift and all the rest; we've committed several thousands of American personnel in this city; we've lost lives in the airlift. I think it's important to ask: Is it worth it?

TAYLOR: Well that, of course, Mr. Downs, is the sixty-four-dollar question. The bill is a big one, in terms of dollars and in Deutsch Marks; we've lost lives in the airlift; we are investing a great effort in personnel and in many other ways. The real question is: Is it worth it? Of course, having asked that question implies that I believe deeply that it is. First, I would say

it's necessary that we stay here indefinitely to maintain that show-window of the West in the heart of the East. If we have the right exhibits in that window, as I think we do, that is a priceless advantage. Next, we have a listening post behind the Iron Curtain, a hundred miles deep in occupied Soviet territory. That, too, is a great advantage. Third, we have the preemptive position. We have an area which is worth more to the Russians, perhaps, even than it is to us. Because if we weren't here, they could consolidate their holdings and unify a Communist Germany. But, finally and last, I think most important of all, whether we like it or not, we have accepted the trusteeship of the lives and fortunes of over two million West Berliners. They are loyal allies who have staked their lives with us. To consider turning our backs on them, in my considered opinion, would be to sacrifice the moral leadership of the Western world. The symbol of Berlin happens to be a big bear. And, Mr. Downs, whether we like it or not, we have that bear by the tail and we must hang on until we get a satisfactory solution to the entire German problem.

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MURROW: That was Bill Downs, pinch-hitting for me, interviewing General Maxwell Taylor from Berlin.

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DIXON: Now, here's Ed Murrow's word for today.

MURROW: Well, Bob, I was supposed to be in Berlin tonite, but I am not; I'm here in Frankfurt. That reminds me of something Thomas Jefferson once said, when he said, "travel makes a man wiser, but less happy." I hope to be in Berlin tomorrow morning, because Bernard Shaw once said, "everything happens to everybody sooner or later, if there is time enough."

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Good Evening everyone...Here's what happened today...

The President broke his memorial day holiday to confer on the world situation... First he got a personal report from Secretary of State Dean Acheson on the cold war....Then the two of them conferred with the Secretary General of the United Nations, who returned last week from Moscow..

[redacted] Their remarks were top secret, as was Trygvie Lie's earlier conference with Acheson... All that Trygvie Lie would say after he left the White House was a remark that he's made before... " I didn't bring any message from Generallissimo Stalin to President Truman.."

The UN Secretary General would not elaborate on what took place at this final stop on his peace pilgrimage [redacted] However, he did leave several suggestions of his own at the Kremlin, as well as with the Premiers of France and Britain. all Designed to ease the tensions of the cold war and to put the UN "back on the tracks" again..

Secretary of State Acheson [redacted] kept his lips sealed too... he finally said: "I made a full report on my mission abroad." Acheson will deliver a report on his cold wartalks to a joint session

of Congress on Wednesday...

Trygvie Lie went from the White House to an afternoon meeting with the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs... Presumably he talked with Willard Thorpe about the prospects for East-West trade in Europe, as well as Point Four aid to undeveloped nations..

Today's Senate session lasted only 15 seconds...Even the customary opening prayer was dispensed with...The House is in a ten-day recess over the Memorial Day holiday..

The nation's long holiday is being marred by the increasing number of violent deaths...With more than a full day of driving ahead, the death toll has mounted above 300....The National Safety Council predicted that 290 persons would perish in Traffic ~~during~~ accidents, alone ~~these four days,~~ if ordinary care and common courtesy are NOT observed..

220 already persons are dead in traffic accidents, 53 more by drowning and at least 69 in other crashes and accidents..

As for the weather, its not going to be too good tomorrow... At least that's what the forecasters predict for the entire eastern half of this country... Partly cloudy skies are expected in the West..

The Supreme Court sat pat today...Refused to review the contempt of congress convictions of movie writers John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo.... Both of them refused to tell the House UNAMERICAN activities committee, whether they were communists...

This was their second try at heading off their sentences... a year in jail and fines of a thousand dollars each... The Supreme Court vote in today's ruling was 6 to 2, the same by which the court rejected the Hollywood writers first appeal for a review of their case.. Both times Justices Black and Douglas favored a review, and Justice Clark abstained..

Four conscientious objectors who went to jail for refusing to register under the peace-time draft, also failed to win a supreme court hearing... Their sentences of 90 days in jail and hundred dollar fines still stand..

The Tribunal also refused to consider the contempt convictions of 11 leaders of the Joint anti-Fascist refugee committee... This group refused to obey a congressional committee's subpena for their books and records...

There was a hint in the halls of Congress today that the Senate crime investigation may turn next to California or New Orleans... That's what committee chairman Kevauver implied to a news conference.. The Tennessee Senator also disclosed that "some new information"---- he didn't say what it was---had turned up about Bookmaker Frank Erickson. Kefauver Said that information wouldbe given to New York Dicstrict Attorney Frank Hogan, whose been digging into the bookmakers affairs..

Michael Lee, One of the commerce department's officials whose resignation was demanded becaz of congressional doubts about his loyalty, showed up for work today... [redacted] But William Remington, the other official that Secretary of Commerce Sawyer has asked to resign, did not go to his office. both of them contend they will challenge the resignation demands..

a former United Mine worker's official was given his old job back. Lloyd Sidener, an one-time local president who was fined 50 thousand dollars for leading a back-to-work movement during the recent coal strike, has been re-instated...

300 armed national guardsmen moved into Morristown, Tennessee today, to put down disorders growing out of a strike at the American Enka Corporations, Rayon plant... The strike has been on for nine weeks..

Sad news from Boston. Colonel Stoopnagle is dead...The radio comedian who was christened Chase Taylor, but rose to fame as Col. Lemuel Q. Stoop-nagle, died after a two-weeks illness... He was 53..

In Tokyo today, General Douglas MacArthur issued orders banning a scheduled communist papade of a hundred thousand workers tomorrow... Communist leaders protested that the cancellation came too late to postpone either the parade or the big rally to follow. They are now negotiating with MaCArthur..

Ed Murrow is in Berlin tonight... and a few minutes ago he recorded his impressions [redacted] of the Communist demonstrations over the week-end. Here it is.

This is Berlin

You will have heard much about the last forty eight hours in Berlin./.It has been a quiet week end./.The communist demonstration in the eastern sector of the city was managed with great skill./.discipline was excellent./.the staff work required to move about four hundred thousand people into this shattered city..(over an inadequate transport system.) was very well done././.Western military men are quite willing to give the communists credit for good planning and execution./.It was an impressive dress rehearsal./nothing more./.The week end settled nothing..solved nothing...The west Berliners and the occupation forces know that...the pressure is still on../..The events of the past two days carried many of us back to the early days of Nazism..the shouting.,the beat of boots on the Unter den Linden..the martial music bouncing off the hollow shells of once proud buildings...there was the same old sense of movement..~~also~~ a feeling that the individual was lost./the shirts were blue instead of Brown..hand clapping replaced the hitler salute...the trumpets sounded the same fanfare..On the surface ~~it was a~~ throwback to fifteen years ago..but there was a difference..and it was important...There was discipline in this operation..no question about that.. But the fanaticism..the sense of mission...the fire in the belly, that marked the big Nazi Demonstration was just not there..The children shouted their slogans and waited for applause, which came from a rather apathetic crowd./.they marched well...rain and wind didnt thin the ranks...but it was a docile,cowed crowd.. their herats werent in it..This was particularly noticeable in the ranks of the peoples police...they did their job..maintained order..but they were not "happy in their work"../.the old german arrogance and assurance was gone/.this was the first time I have ever seen germans in uniform who did not display that certain arrogance and assurance that a german puts on with his uniform..these east german police do not seem sure of themselves./.they are moderately well unifirmed but they do not wear that uniform with pride./.their whole manner and bearing is eloquent of their realisation that they have no power and no security../.. the power belongs to the secret police and the men in uniform know it..

They are creatinga whole generation of men and women without minds..shouters of slogans..to be manipulated and used..as you punch the keys on a typewriter...

Certainly it was an efficient demonstration...to some it was frightning... The American and British troops(I didnt have a chance to see the French) were cool and steady...The people of West Berlin showed no signs of nerves..the auto show in our part of town was crowded../..the army is spending some money improving the golf course../.grass and ivy combine to soften the hard lines on the ruins#.Its been a late spring in Berlin..lots of rain...and a critical and perhaps overadvertised week end is over...and the situation is unchanged..It seems to me that ~~xxxx

There are I think a few conclusions that can be drawn from this week end in Berlin. The Russians made a threat. they were going to take over the whole city.. using germans to do the job..they were confronted with firmness and force.. and they decided not to resort to violence at this time. but that fact is of no lasting importance..their purpose remains what it was..to throw us out of this city. There were no Russian soldiers in evidence...during many hours spent in the eastern sector I saw just one Russian GI. But the big thing the Russians demonstrated was that they have captured and organised the youth of east Germany..have set them to marching and singing again..have created the feeling ..with many of them..that they are part of a world wide movement of communist youth...and by so doing they have removed the sense of isolation and some of the shame of defeat. This demonstration can only be regarded as a probing action. the communists caused us to reveal our defenses. they stretched the nerves of the two and a half million west ~~gxxx~~ Berliners..and they demonstrated that they can move roughly half a million younsters into this city whenever they want to..

But in th course of this demonstration they gave western correspondents an opportunity to see the results of their handiwork in east Europe. and to this correspon dent it was a sad and sorrowfull spectacle. The warders from the uranium mines in Saxony..the brutal faced boys in the peoples police...the thugs carrying big baners aloft..these men were what Hitler and a war had made them. and they were not pleasant to look upon. But the aspect of this thing that both hurt and frightened, didnt have anything to do with the adults. It was in the faces and voices of the kids that you saw the pattern of the future..the frantic concentration on the faces of the ten year olds as they tried to remember the slogans ~~thxxzxhxxxxxzxxxxxx~~..the sadness, and the feeling of being alone that you saw on the faces of the younsters who didnt have a blue shirt.. who werent part of the party. ..and on top of the whole thing the hard faces of men like Pick and Ulbricht..moscow trained...manipulating the emotions and allegiances of those kids. At times it seemed that the rythmic almost hypnotic clapping of hands was the sound of a great machine stamping out bodies of kids.. who shout slogans..who must not question..little blonde robots marching down the street between the skeletons of buildings...shouting for peace..hatred for the west..adoration for Stalin... ~~Thxxxkxdx~~ Just kids marching and singing and shouting slogans. believing that they were engaged in high adventure. It was a more terrible spectacle than watching troops embark for foreign shores where they might die with a gun in their hand. And brooding over this whole spectacle. this circus in the ruins. a half dozen men who cannot be forgiven for they know what they are doing..

WWell Bob...The other day when Wilhelm Piek opened the tent camp ~~where~~ for the Free German Youth ~~is staying~~...this communist said something which is supported by all history...he said..."he who has the youth controlls the future..."

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The future for Berlin looks like being more of the same..~~xhixxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the place is not defensible militarily...itis an economic drain on us and on west germany..but it is here that east and west are locked in deadly embrace and it is impossible to see how either can disengage..The symbol has become too impoint for both sides...A war could start here..but only if the Russians will it...and it would be a war for the world..not for Berlin...

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This is Ed Murrow recong frm Berlin..with some valuable help from Dick Hottelet... Now back to BOB Dixon in NY....Tomorrow nite if all goes well I shall be talking from Paris —

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I've asked my old friend Dick Hottelet, who is a real expert on Germany and who has just been reassigned here, to remind you of some of the offensives the Russians have launched in an effort to remove this island of freedom from their zone of Germany.

HOTTELET: The Russians have been fighting the Western Allies over Berlin since the end of the war in Europe. You remember, Ed, that in 1945 the Russians agreed to share the occupation of the city with Britain and the United States, but altho the way was opened -- and I know it was opened, because I drove into Berlin myself before VE Day -- altho there was nothing to prevent theWest from coming in, it wasn't till July 1st that the Russians granted per-

mission. In those two months the Soviet authorities had not only thoroly looted the Western sectors, but had set up their own civil administration, political parties and Communist front organizations, had put their people into all key positions of political life. Once the Allies were in, the next phase began - no longer on the diplomatic and military plane but on the level of municipal politics. Four-power administration and the right of veto were used by the Russians then to paralyze the life of the city.

Just one example: Altho the first and most necessary step toward economic recovery was currency reform, to put an end to fantastic inflation, the Russians made reform impossible. The result was complete stagnation. In this atmosphere the Russians permitted a free election. They had browbeaten the political opposition in their sector by then and their propaganda took the line that only the Communists could get anything done. Nevertheless, they were crushingly defeated. From then on, the Russians sabotaged the new free administration; riots were staged which forced the City Parliament to flee to the West; the entire city administration was split in two. By June of '48 the Russians felt strong enough to take on the Allies directly. They lowered the blockade of Berlin. This was an attempt to conquer the city, literally, by starvation and pestilence - and it was defeated only by one of the most dramatic displays of courage, skill and strength in modern times. By June of '49, a year later, the Russians admitted defeat and took up the diplomatic line again, sent Vishinsky to Paris to turn back the clock and restore four-power government, veto and all. When that didn't work, Moscow played the German nationalist gambit, set up a puppet government in Eastern Germany and tried to attract Berlin into its orbit by proclaiming the city capital of a future united German state.

Stalin, in one of the most cynical statements of his cynical lifetime, told the Germans that partnership with Russia could be very profitable. But that didn't work either, and the Soviet line switched again. Since then it's been consolidating and strengthening Eastern Germany, using the cookie and the whip, building up an unofficial German army, making a few concessions to raise

the standard of living and, above all, trying to capture the allegiance of youth. If this policy were to succeed, the Russians would have both the instrument and the mass support for another attempt to conquer Berlin.

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HOTTELET: His name is Walther Ulbricht. He has mean little eyes and a face of stone. He wears a short, mustard-colored beard and enjoys being described as the German Lenin. Ulbricht is one of the few men I have ever seen whose merciless expression becomes even more sinister when he smiles. Nominally, he is Deputy Prime Minister of the Eastern puppet government; in fact, he is said to be the main German contract of the Soviet Secret Police.

contact of the Soviet Secret Police. And his whole background would seem to support this. He was one of the original founders of the German Communist Party in 1919 and took part in the revolutionary turmoil of the early '20s which helped destroy the German Republic. He survived all the Communist purges of those years, and clung steadfastly to the Stalin line, however much it changed. He went to Moscow for training, was sent to the Spanish Civil War and spent the second World War in Russia. There he helped organize the German Officers' Union and the Free Germany Committee. He married a Russian woman, speaks German still with an ostentatious Russian accent and is said to have taken Soviet citizenship.

He return to Germany with the Red Army, and has been helping run things ever since. Ulbricht is no great intellect, no use as an orator. He is what the Russians would describe as an operatshik, a machine politician, an organizer and administrator, like Stalin himself. Ulbricht's name will figure large in the struggles that lie ahead.

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After the session, a number of Congressmen [redacted] praised the Secretary's speech.. Senator McCarthy told reporters: The Red Dean of Washington is still in form."

President Truman today asked congress to let him set-up a new department of heealth, education and security, with a Secretary of Cabinet rank.

He appealed also for a streamlining of the Treasury... Congress has previously rejected both reorganization plans..

In Philadelphia, a man who helped give away the greatest secret in the world, said he would plead guilty to charges of helping a russian atomic spy ring...But plump. 39-year-old Harry Gold told the Federal Judge that he wasn't guilty"of trying to hurt the United States." Said he would insist upon his "right to co-operate with the FBI." He was sent back to prison..

As a reminder of our global responsibilities, there was trouble today in occupation zones on both sides of the world..

In Tokyo, General MacArthur cracked down on the first violence of the occupation, rushed eight japanese to trial for stoning american soldiers...A small force of japanese communists demonstrated outside the courtroom..

And it was German against german in the West German Republic. heavy police reinforcements were called up after last night's rioting between anti-communists and communists returning from the Red Rally in Berlin...The West German police are attempting to enforce a state order that all youths returning from The Red Rally in Berlin be given medical examinations...

(5) at Bonn The Western High commissioners of Germany have agreed to open western germany for foreign investments..they've been barred since the war... The West German Republic also named Dr. Heinz Krekeler to be the first post-war german consul in the United States... He'll come to New York in August..

South Korea went to the polls to today for a free-election. Approximately 90 per cent of the electorate voted. Early returns indicated a victory for the independent non-communist opposition to the government of Doctor Syngman Rhee..

The communist government of czecho-slovakia put on act number one today in a new effort to turn the Czech people away from the West... The first of 13 Czechs went on trial, on charges of [redacted] plotting with westerners. [redacted]...Doctor Mlada Horokova, former woman parliament member, pleaded guilty as usual..(Dana Adams Schmidt, the New York Times correspondent, was NOT permitted to cover the trial...He.too, is accused of conspiring [redacted] to overthrow the red regime, along with the late Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt..)

[redacted] At Morristown, Tennessee, CIO officials charged that national guardsmen are being used to break the strike at the American Enka Corporation, Rayon plant.

The week-long wild-cat strike at Oak Ridge ended today.. 45 hundred [redacted] AFL workmen streamed back to their jobs on the atomic project.. said they'd been promised a quick ruling on their wage demands.

The iron curtain was reinforced today around Yugoslavia. The Moscow-dominated government of Hungary has sterilized nine miles of frontier, says special permits will be needed for anyone to cross it.

In Paris, the French announced further progress in their plan to pool western Europe's coal and steel resources.. said France, Italy, West Germany and the lowlands will meet next month to work out details. The British said [redacted] they'd like to attend the talks, but they couldn't commit themselves in advance.

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There's only one way to match Soviet Russia's growing strength..And that is, to dove-tail America's armed forces with those of Western Europe...That's what Secretary of State Acheson told a joint session of Congress. Reporting on his cold war strategy talks in Europe, Acheson appealed for "balanced collective forces" under the Atlantic Pact...It was an extraordinary session held in the Library of Congress...For the first time, a Secretary of State asked for a question period following his formal talk...And some of his critics got in their innings...Representative Judd quizzed him about the Chinese Reds and the United Nations, shouted: "when w are we going to start winning the battle?" Representative Rankin critized American support of the U.N. ...Some of Acheson's answers were lost in the cross-fire..

After the session a number of Congressmen praised the Secretary's speech..Senator Mc Carthy told reporters: The Red Dean of Washington is still in form."

President Truman today asked congress to let him set-up a new department of health education and security, with a Secretary of Cabinet rank. He appealed also for a streamlining of the Treasury...Congress has previously rejected both re-organization plans..

In Philadelphia, a man who helped give away the greatest secret in the world, said he would plead guilty to charges of helping a Russian atomic spy ring...But plump, 39 year old Harry Gold told the Federal Judge that he wasn't guilty" of trying to hurt the United States." Said he would insist upon his "right to co-operate with the FBI." He was sent back to prison..

As a reminder of our global responsibilities, there was trouble today in occupation zones on both sides of the world..

In Tokyo, General MacArthur cracked down on the first violence of the occupation, rushed eight japanese to trial for stoning American soldiers...A small force of japanese communists demons trated outside the courtroom..

And it was German against German in the West German Republic, heavy police reinforcements were called up after last night's rioting between anti-communists and communists. The West German police are attempting to enforce a state order that all youths returning from The Red Rally in Berlin be given medical examinations...

The Western High commissioners of Germany have agreed to open western Germany for foreign investments..They've been barred since the war...The West German Republic also named Dr. Heinz Krekeler to be the first post-war german consul in the United States... He'll come to New York in August..

South Korea went to the polls to today for a free-election. Approximately 90 per cent of the electorate voted. Early returns indicated a victory for the independent non-communist opposition to the government of Doctor Syngman Rhee..

The communist government of Czecho-slovak ia put on act number one today in a new effort to turn the Czech people away from the West...The first of 13 Czechs went on trial on charges of plotting with westerners. Doctor Mlada Horokova, former woman parliament member, pleaded guilty as usual...Dana Adams Schmidt, the New York Times correspondent was not permitted to cover the trial...He. too, is accused of conspiring to overthrow the red regime, along with the late Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt..

At Morristown, Tennessee, CIO officials charged that national guardsmen are being used to break the strike at the American Enka Corporation Rayon plant.

The week-long wild-cat strike at Oak Ridge ended today..45 hundred AFL workmen streamed back to their jobs on the atomic project..said they'd been promised a quick ruling on their wage demands.

The iron curtain was reinforcedtoday around Yugoslavia. The Moscow-dominated government of Hungary has sterilized nine miles of frontier, says special permits will be needed for anyone to cross it.

In Paris, the French announced further progress in their plan to pool western Europe's coal and steel resources..said France, Italy, West Germany and the lowlands will best next month to work out details. The British said they'd like to attend the talks,

but they couldn't commit themselves in advance.

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Wednesday, May 31, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

LESUEUR: Ed Murrow is in Paris tonite. Here is his recorded report.

MURROW: THIS IS PARIS!

Flying down here from Berlin tonite, a group of correspondents, British, French and Americans, were conducting a sort of postmortem on the week end's doings in Berlin. One of them asked me what I would be broadcasting about tonite. A French correspondent insisted that the broadcast must have to do with France. Well, I've been in France only a few hours, and I'm not one of those correspondents who can sit down an do a definitive piece in such a short time. And so the boys in the plane said, "what you ought to do is just ask questions of Dave Schoenbrun, because, more than most American reporters in France, he knows the country and its people and there is no easier way to do a broadcast."

Over the past few years Dave Schoenbrun has given this program a lot of valuable information, and tonite we shall put a few questions to him here in Paris.

Dave, how many people here in France think that this country can and should remain neutral in the event of a war?

SCHOENBRUN: Very few, Ed, but they're a very articulate few. There's a small intellectual group in France, represented mainly by the publisher of the newspaper LeMond, a very intellectual newspaper, and another Left-Wing but anti-Communist paper, Combat. The people are brilliant intellectuals. They write very well. They believe in a neutral Europe and a third force. And because they are so articulate, so imaginative, they're quoted often by the American press. They do not represent majority opinion in France. Most of the people in this country know that neutrality is a dream and a luxury that France cannot afford.

MURROW: Well, that leads us to another question. What's been the public reaction to the Schuman Plan to pool German and French iron and steel industries?

SCHOENBRUN: Well, that's difficult. This country, you know, is so varied that the only generalization you can make about the French public is that it makes a mockery of any generalization. But most of the people I speak to here are always very afraid of Germany. I suppose you can sum it up by one of our own American sayings, Ed: "If you can't beat them, join them." They've suffered so much, they're willing to try something else. I wouldn't call it enthusiasm, but I think they're ready to try it.

MURROW: Is part of it the feeling that they're just so tired of facing the same old enemy and the same threat from the same area and they're prepared to try anything in order to get out of that situation?

SCHOEN: I'd say yes, except that your word "tired" is a beautiful understatement.

MURROW: Well, Dave, just how clear are the French officials here in Paris as to what they want to get out of this proposed merger? What is it they are trying to achieve?

SCHOEN: Well, it's extremely clear, Ed. A few hours ago you and I were talking to Etienne Hirsch (?), the deputy of M. Monet, who is one of the architects of this plan. I think what he told us is what we ought to tell the people listening in tonite. It's the clearest statement I've ever heard. He said, "We've asked the British and other countries to come along and begin talks with us, so that we would know what we want to build. We want to build a house. We don't want conversations about whether we're going to build a house or an Eiffel Tower or a boat; we want to know what we're going to build; we want to start conversations to draw up plans." And what they want to build is something that we Americans have been talking about vaguely as integration. What it really means is the common use of the key resources of Europe for the common good. And that is the key materials, coal and steel, jointly administered for all of the peoples of Western Europe.

MURROW: Well, I have the feeling in these conversations we had late this

afternoon that these younger French officials were in no sense feeling themselves; they didn't seem to have any hopes of immediate startling or dramatic success, but were prepared to go along slowly in a sort of experimental fashion. Is that correct?

SCHOEN: That's absolutely correct. They not only have no false hopes, but they have no illusions. As you know, the French are very realistic, very hard-headed people. For that reason, they know all the dangers, they're well aware of them, but they feel that something must be tried - and that something is this dream, a very old dream of Europeans, of combining the natural resources of Germany and France, coal, steel, iron ore, which have been separated by national and political boundaries but which have always belonged together.

MURROW: How do the French answer their question or, rather, the allegation that this might produce a giant cartel?

SCHOEN: They say, sure it may, but what is a cartel, after all? A cartel is a small private group which secretly sets prices. We French, on the other hand, have asked the Belgians, the Luxembourgers, the Italians and the British to come in and work with us. There could be no better proof that this is not a cartel for secret agreements than that we have asked five other nations to come in with us and, secondly, very importantly, the French have proposed that the United Nations send an observer and make a public report to the world twice a year on the administration. If that's a cartel, say the French, we'll eat it. And, you know, the French have a very delicate palate.

MURROW: Well now, Dave, let's go to another subject. What was the French reaction to the week end celebrations in Berlin?

SCHOEN: They weren't so worried about the Communist aspect of it. They were more worried about the German aspect. I think the best comment came from the French paper Combat, which said about these Blue-Shirted boys who were marching in the Eastern zone, "shirt-sleeve weather is back in Germany, and in politics shirt-sleeve weather has never been good weather."

MURROW: Then the French saw this more as the old traditional German menace, rather than a direct menace from Communism, is that right?

SCHOEN: That's right, Ed.

MURROW: Well now, to a rather more pleasant subject for a change, David. How does the tourist season look here in Paris?

SCHOEN: Oh! It may be a pleasant ....?(laughs) for you as a tourist, but as a Paris correspondent of CBS, it's somewhat less pleasant for me. We've got lots of tourists in town. For France it's a very good thing. They're are going to be more than two million visitors this year, with a lot of hard currency and a lot of good business for France. For the first time, these tourists are going to be changing their money at the bank, instead of in some back alley or back room of a cafe, because the French franc has become stable. But so far as the Parisians -- and altho I'm an American, I'm a Parisian resident now -- so far as we're concerned it's pretty much of an invasion and many of the Parisians have fled to the countryside before the camera-carrying tourists ... I don't mean to be unpleasant about this, and we all are happy to have the tourists here, but, as you know in New York, it's sometimes a burden in this hot weather to have all of our friends with us at the same time.

MURROW: I think probably one of the most important things you've said here this evening is the fact that the tourists are exchanging their money at the legal rate, which reflects a great deal of confidence in French recovery and in the stability of the whole French economy.

Thanks very much, David Schoenbrun. This is Ed Murrow recording in Paris. Now back to Bob Dixon in New York.

DIXON: (C O M M E R C I A L)

Now, here's Ed Murrow's word for today.

MURROW: Well, Bob, since we're in Paris tonite, I think Dave Schoenbrun should give us the word for tonite. David!

SCHOEN: Well, it's my favorite quotation from one of my favorite Frenchmen, Maurice Barrès, a great French author before the war, who always said: "Every

Frenchman knows why France exists. She exists so that there might be a little less misery in this world. For that reason, France is pacifist and for that reason, too, France is a fighting nation."

MURROW: Thank you very much, indeed, Dave Schoenbrun.

From Paris, Good Night and Good Luck!

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EDWARD R. MURROW

Thursday, June 1, 1950
7:45-8:00 p.m.

LESUEUR: ..... Ed Murrow is in London tonight. Here is his recorded report.

MURROW: This ... is London! Flying over from Paris this afternoon through a sky that was plowed by so many bombers and fighters a few short years ago, it seemed to me necessary to report to a couple of dozen air crews that the sight of Beachy Head and the green and pleasant land of England is almost as satisfying and welcome now as it was when returning from a bombing mission. There was strong late afternoon sun coming through the haze that generally hangs over London. The roads were crowded with traffic as they were not when I was here last, three months ago. One reason for this quick trip around Europe is to exchange views with the men who supply so much information for this program.

When I left here, after nine years of residence in London, Howard K. Smith took over the job of chief European correspondent for CBS. He is a writer and broadcaster of great talent and integrity, who sorts out a story a little better than the next man.

What's new in London, Howard?

SMITH: Well, Ed, carefully weighing all possibilities, I think the biggest news here today is the fact that a certain Dennis Compton is suffering from a bad knee. Dennis Compton is a kind of Joe DiMaggio of British cricket. The cricket season is just finding its pace; the weather's ideal for it, downright Florida-like, as you've doubtless observed, and Mr. Compton's indisposition at this crucial point in time is the only figurative cloud on London's blue sky, a bigger calamity for the moment than Russian rearmament or the dollar crisis or anything else and after photographs of Compton's knee and sketches of it, medical analyses of what's wrong with it, speculation on whether it will require an operation, after that I think the next big news in the papers is a

minor embarrassment that happened to the Royal Family yesterday.

Princess Margaret went to the ancient town of Canterbury to keep a promise to distribute prizes at a school. No visitor to Canterbury can visit the town without also visiting the Cathedral and every eminent visitor to the Cathedral must be received by the Dean of the Cathedral who happens to be the famous Red Dean of Canterbury, a supporter of Communist causes. Well, Princess Margaret apparently did the job with great grace, shook hands with the Dean, and, of course, the cameras were busy while she did so. Today, every paper carries big photographs of the hand-shaking and the wits of Fleet Street have been pondering whether this is going to affect that long-rumored visit of the Princess to the United States, since guilt by association seems to be an established principle on the Communist issue.

Well, as you cansee, Ed, the news in London is on a light and tripping note this lovely summer day.

MURROW: Well, Howard, when I was last in London, we were covering the general election and your private estimate, or prediction, was just about the best in town. I remember it cost me money. The Labor Party came back with a knife-edge majority of six. There were many predictions of another election soon. That was three months ago. What are the prospects now?

SMITH: Well, the balance seems to shift from week to week, Ed. Two weeks ago, I would have predicted that the Tories would be returned to power with an unworkable majority of five or six. Today, with a spell of good weather on and with a good many controls being relaxed lately, I think that Labor can probably maintain its unworkable majority of five or six. Next week, possibilities will probably be different. But I can foresee no new big issue arising any time soon to give either Party a good workable majority to end the deadlock in Parliament.

MURROW: Well, Howard, tell me this,-how much trouble is the Government having with the Trade Unions? Are the workers getting restive about this wage freeze order?

SMITH: Yes, they are restive, indeed. The Unions agreed to keep wages frozen on the basis of the lead to the rank-and-file taken about six months ago. This spring, which is now ending, has been the season of Union annual conventions and one convention after another has rejected the freeze. Now, the overwhelming majority of British organized labor has rejected it and is pushing demands for wage raises. There's no great fear of a wave of serious strikes breaking out. As one Union chief said the other day, most British Unions haven't had a strike for so long they've forgotten how to do it. What's expected now is that the Government will now formally call off the freeze. The country's economic situation has improved to where, the authorities say, it can afford one moderate round of wage raises without suffering inflation and that, I think, is probably what will happen.

SUMMER: Well, Howard, there have been reports that this Government has decided to go slow on further nationalization, to sort of easy controls and become Liberal rather than Socialist. What about that?

SMITH: Well, Ed, it does seem that the Government has decided to go slow on further nationalization and that it is becoming more a Liberal rather than a Socialist Government. The Party had a secret meeting in a country house outside London just about two weeks ago to decide on its policy for the next elections. It was the best publicized secret meeting that I've ever known. Among the secrets which everybody in Britain now knows is that the Moderates won hands down. It's now a very curious political situation here. A cartoon in one of the papers illustrated it very well the other day I think. It showed Churchill busily seeking a new policy for the Tories by reading the works of Karl Marx and on the other side Attlee was seeking a new policy for the Socialists by reading the works of Adam Smith, the champion of free enterprise. The Tory Party is now very much in the hands of its Left-Wing and the Labor Party is in the hands of its Right Wing. The difference between them is getting ever harder to delineate and you can't help wondering if, in the long run, they're going to be able to stay apart as separate parties. However, that's speculation for the dis-

ant future.

MURROW: Well, last night, in Paris, Howard, I was told by Government officials and French journalists that Britain is balking about the Schuman plan to combine control of steel and coal in western Europe. The French seem to feel that Britain is being too cautious, too lacking in imagination, and rather disposed to be isolationist. What about that?

SMITH: Well, it's hard for me to take sides on that issue, Ed, because I really sympathize so much with both sides. The French feel that something dramatic and radical, almost shocking, should be done to start Europe towards unification and to get it out of its present rut. The system of having sixteen separate nations, each walled off from the other in a space half the size of the United States, is quite obviously ridiculous and antiquated. Obviously, too, the only ... only a radical step can start federation moving and the French are, I think, justly angry that the British are the only people holding back, but I can see the British point of view, too. Britain has pulled out of a very dire crisis only by a very careful husbandry of resources. They don't want to, and they can't afford to, knock holes into it and let it all leak out in an attempt to fulfill what may be an over-ambitious and not-very-well-thought-out scheme. The British recall that France and Italy were very dramatic in their announced intention to form a Franco-Italian customs union two years ago, but, since the two countries starting negotiating about it, their ardor has cooled a great deal. The talks on that customs union are stagnant now and the British are afraid that the same may happen to the Schuman plan. They want the talks to go on and all the issues to be made crystal clear before any solid commitments are made, but, as I say, I'm neutral. Ed, I hope both sides make Western Union.

MURROW: Well, Howard Smith, thanks very much for your usual excellent job of answering questions.

It's always a pleasure to come back to London, particularly when one can step out of a plane and find someone who knows the answers and can give them with such an unusual combination of wit and wisdom.

Ed.trans.-A.A.Cardiff This is Ed Murrow recording in London. (30)

Lesueur cbs 2 June 1950 7:45p June 3. UP says source was [illegible] - AP backs down on tense he used but underlying force

Good Evening everyone....Here's what happened today... Reporters in Washington were told

The United States has developed new atomic weapons...

atomic artillery shells and atomic warheads for guided missiles...

These weapons MAY revolutionize warfare....MAY even counter-balance

Russia's numerical [redacted] in Western Europe...They Might be as

effective against troops and tanks as the atom bomb is against cities..

We're told it may now be possible to secure Western Europe without

bankrupting the United States and its Atlantic Pact Allies..

There's some disagreement between the press associations as to

whether we already possess [redacted] these atomic shells, or are developing them....

The United Press, quoting [redacted] a high defense official, says we WILL

develop them.... The Associated Press says we already have [redacted] them,

but declines to reveal the source of this [redacted] information..

At the same time, Secretary Acheson warned Congress that the cost

of arming our allies might be larger in the future... He was testifying

in behalf of a new outlay of a billion-and-a-quarter. dollars

The State Department also let it be known that we're considering the creation of a 25 thousand-man, West German Police force... This proposal to match East Germany's police force came from Chancellor Adenaur...It's being considered by the Western allies.

Senator McCarthy lashed out again today...He took no notice of the criticism aimed at him yesterday by Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and six republican colleagues.

Speaking from the Senate floor, McCaarthy said the President is defending "the vicious, vested interests" of the communists, by declining to open all the government loyalty files....

The world's most active volcano is still erupting tonight. Mauna Loa, on the island of Hawaii, has engulfed several villages in a mile-wide stream of molten lava..

The population of western Berlin has mounted by several thousand since the communist demonstrations in the Eastern sector last weekend. Hundreds of refugees are now besieging the welfare agencies. They say they took advantage of the communist police force's (pre-occupation) with the rally to slip across the border. ~~(Among them are 38 brawny members of the East German police force ...West German authorities welcomed the police deserters, but asked the teen-agers to please go back where they came from... (There are already too many unemployed crowding West Berlin's ruins..)~~

There's not going to be any red rally in Tokyo, at least NOT if General MacArthur can prevent it. Japanese police have barred the communists from using two of Tokyo's laggest parks for their scheduled anti-american demonstrations.

In Stockholm, the United States Embassy announced it's given a reward to the Swedish fisherman, who picked up parts of our navy privateer plane, shot-down by the Russians. He was give 2500 crowns, (thats about 480 dollars) and a letter of thanks.

(The nations that get Marshall plan money, tonight adopted a plan supporting President Truman's POINT Four program, (for aid to the backward areas of the world.) Ed Murrow is still in Europe tonight, here's his report recorded a few minutes ago..

3.B.

This is London...The British Cabinet ~~met for . hours~~ held a Long Meeting today. only eight members were present..(the rest are off on vacation.) the discussion was ~~believed to be~~ about the British answer to the French proposal to pool the steel and coal of western Europe. This is really a search for a formula..a set of words, which will permit the British to participate in the discussions ,without being comitted in advance, to approve whatever may be agreed upon. This situation is an illustration of the difference in the working of the Continental and the British mind..The French proposal is dramatic, desperate,..designed to tie Germany more firmly to the west.. and to break down trade barriers for the two essential basic industries of western Europe. The British are prepared to agree..and have, in fact, agreed that the idea is sound, but they arent prepared to buy a pig in a poke...wont agree to be bound by the results of a conference... The French say..all we want to do is make a blueprint...decide whether we want to build a boat or a house or an Eiffel tower...the British reply ..thats allright but before deciding to build a boat we want to know how much it will cost..what cargo it is designed to carry and the trade routes it will follow.. we cant make such decisions untill we have more information. say the British — and that information the french cant supply. There is another aspect to this discussion...the Schuman plan gives France the inniative on the continent, and the British are not particularly pleased about that. Then too the traditional role of Britain has been to stay out of firm fast comittments on the continent..and whatever logic may dictate ~~tardition~~ tradition often bends, but seldom breaks before it. The French are now in the position of a gambler,who knows the game,has played it often,and with varying sucess for generations..but in this game there is

Well Bob..One of Londons weekly magazines sums up British reaction to the Schuman Plan in thse words..."It matters not what powers appeal... It matters not what states enroll...We are the masters of our Steel... We are the captains of our coal"....For my own part,having travelled and talked so much during the past week I now appreciate this sentence.."For age,with stealing steps,hath clawed me with his clutch."..If all goes well we ~~xxxx~~ shall be broadcasting from NY again on Monday...

Good night and Good luck

The Londoners seem to have regained some of their native good manners.. tho maybe its just the sun..their pre occupation with domestic affairs continues...their newspapers and radio seem to give less and less international news.// Western Europe at a hasty glance resembles a patient who has made a remarkable recovery but who fears a relapse and who knows he cant afford to pay for his life insurance// We are the underwriters and they hope we will continue to regard them as a good risk// Their nerves seem alright but they have no confidence they could survive another attack.... This is Ed Murrow Recording from London...~~Now back~~ Now back to Bob Dixon in New York...

plan, as about the military aid program and all the other plans and hopes for strengthening the west is whether there will be that time. And the answer to that question may be found or known in Moscow or in Washington but not in London or Paris..the sense of being caught between two great powers is heavy in both European capitols,,,,,

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E. R. MURROW WITH THE NEWS
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 P.M.EDST

Good Evening everyone....Here's what happened today...Reporters in Washington were told the United States has developed new atomic weapons...atomic artillery shells and atomic warheads for guided missiles...These weapons may revolutionize warfare....May even counterbalance Russia's numerical superiority in Western Europe...They might be as effective against troops and tanks as the atom bomb is against cities..

We're told it may now be possible to secure Western Europe without bankrupting the United States and its Atlantic Pact Allies..

There's some disagreement between the press associations as to whether we already possess these atomic shells, or are developing them....The United Press, quoting a high defense official, says we will develop them...The Associated Press says we already have them, but declines to reveal the source of this information..

At the same time, Secretary Acheson warned Congress that the cost of arming our allies might be larger in the future...He was testifying in behalf of a new outlay of billion-and-a-quarter dollars.

The State Department also let it be known that we're considering the creation of a 25 thousand-man, West German Police force...This proposal to match East Germany's police force came from Chancellor Adenaur...It's being considered by the Western allies.

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Speaking from the Senate floor, McCarthy said the President is defending "the vicious, vested interests" of the communists, by declining to open all the government loyalty files..

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The population of western Berlin has mounted by several thousand since the communist demonstrations in the Eastern sector last weekend. Hundreds of refugees are now besieging

the welfare agencies..They say they took advantage of the communist police force's preoccupation with the rally to slip across the border..There's not going to be any red rally in Tokyo, at least not if General MacArthur can prevent it. Japanese police have barred the communists from using two of Tokyo's largest parks for their scheduled anti-american demonstrations.

In Stockholm, the United States Embassy announced it's given a reward to the Swedish fisherman, who picked up parts of our navy privateer plane shot-down by the Russians. He was given 2500 crowns, thats about 480 dollars and a letter of thanks.

The nations that get Marshall plan money tonight adopted a plan supporting Presidents Truman's point four program, for aid to the backward areas of the world. Ed Murrow is still in Europe tonight, here's his report recorded a few minutes ago..

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MURROW: This ... is London! The British Cabinet held a long meeting today. Only eight members were present; the rest are off on vacation. The discussion was about the British answer to the French proposal to pool the steel and coal of western Europe. This is really a search for a formula, a set of words, which will permit the British to participate in the discussions without being committed in advance to approve whatever may be agreed upon. This situation is an illustration of the difference in the working of the continental and the British minds. The French proposal is dramatic and desperate. It's designed to tie Germany more firmly to the west and to break down trade barriers for the two essential basic industries of western Europe. The British are prepared to agree, and they have, in fact, agreed that the idea is sound, but they aren't prepared to buy a pig in a poke. They won't agree to be bound by the results of a conference. The French say - all we want to do is make a blueprint, decide whether we want to build a boat or a house or an Eiffel Tower. The British reply - that's all right, but, before deciding to build a boat, we want to know how much it will cost, what cargo it is designed to carry, and the trade routes it will follow. We can't make such decisions until we have more information, say the British, and that information the French cannot supply.

There is another aspect of this discussion. The Schuman plan gives France the initiative on the Continent and the British are not particularly pleased about that. Then, too, the traditional role of Britain has been to stay out of firm, fast commitments on the Continent and, whatever logic may dictate, tradition often bends but seldom breaks before it. The French are now in the position of a gambler who knows the game, has played it often, and

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The end of this controversy about offshore oil is not in sight. It now goes from the Court into a Congressional battle. The House Judiciary Committee has approved the Bill to give the States control of their own tidelands, but neither House has acted on it. Representative Gosset of Texas says: "Only Congress can now save this nation from a disgraceful spectacle of confiscation without compensation." Senator Tom Connelly was "dazed by the Court's action"; but Senator O'Mahoney thinks the Federal Government can now go ahead with the necessary legislation. He wants part of the profit from the offshore oil to be used for the reduction of the National Debt. We'll be hearing a lot more about this controversy between the Federal Government and the States. X,

Now heres Bob Dixon for Campbells Soups.

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Secretary of State Acheson today took note of Trygve Lie's suggestion that no progress can be made in the United Nations, until the question of which Chinese group to seat.. has been settled. Mr. Acheson told a news conference: Russia has refused to accept parliamentary majorities in the U.N., this constitues a boycott.. "an unwarranted attempt at coercion." And Russia had a record of U.N. obstruction in many respects before the walkouts over China started. The Secretary says we are willing to consider any possibilities to get the United Nations functioning again.. but he does not believe there is any "magic" for settling the cold war.

The President today appealed for the prayers of all religious

persons and groups in this country.. in an effort to get peace based "on the Sermon on the Mount and the moral code in which we all believe." Mr. Truman, speaking at the Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, said: never in the history of the country has a servant of the people needed support and prayers as does the present occupant of the White House.

The President will soon have on his desk a new displaced persons bill. The Senate completed action on it today. It increases to 314-thousand the number of D. P's who can come to this country by the end of June next year. (About 153-thousand have entered the country since the end of the war.)

Senate Democrats today agreed to try to adjourn Congress by the end of July.

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There was no debate in the Senate today as a resolution to investigate perverts on the government payroll was approved unanimously. Chairman McClelland of the executive expenditures committee says most of the

investigating will be done behind closed doors.. "with no sensational horseplay."

The Tydings Committee investigating the five year old Amerasia case was told today that "someone" in the government ordered a halt in the prosecution of six persons arrested for stealing government documents. Brigadier General Julius Holmes, who used to be an assistant secretary of state AND is now minister at our London embassy... INDICATED TO the committee [redacted] that the order may have come from James K. Vardaman, who was then the President's naval aide. But Mr. Vardaman, who is now a member of the Federal Reserve Board of governors, says he had nothing to do with the case.. never heard of it at that time. [redacted]

Today in Washington, Dr. Edward K. Barsky and ten other officials of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee...including the novelist Howard Fast.. started serving three to six-month terms in prison. They were found guilty of contempt of congress four years ago.. refusing to turn over their records to the Un-American activities committee. The 11

officials, who have been turned down in an appeal to the Supreme Court, say they are being jailed because they oppose the government's attempt to "shore up the tottering structure of fascism in Spain."

Yesterday's primary votes are still being counted in California. Returns so far indicate that Governor Warren, who scored a 9 to one victory in the Republican primary, is some 80-thousand votes behind James Roosevelt in the Democratic primary. Candidates can cross-file in California. And at the moment, the total vote cast for Governor WARREN on the two tickets, is about twice that cast for Mr. Roosevelt.

In the contest for the nomination to the Senate, Democratic Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas and Republican Representative Nixon were the winners.

In South Dakota, Representative Case won the Republican Senate nomination beating Senator Chan Gurney who was seeking his third term.

In Houston Texas, the American Federation of Musicians has nominated President James Petrillo for another term.. his 11th. He'll be formally elected tomorrow. And at Austin, Texas, the University of Texas today accepted two Negro students.. in line with Monday's supreme court decision.

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In Europe, Communist Poland and Communist East Germany have agreed to regard the Oder-Neisse line as the permanent postwar boundary between the two countries. The Western Powers insist this cannot be decided until a German peace conference is concluded.

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But it is the life ahead that concerns most commencement orators. Most of what they say, has been said before, and with greater brevity. Wise men have disagreed as to what constitutes the full, complete and satisfying life. Josh Billings maintained that "Life is short; but it is long enough to ruin

any man who wants to be ruined." While Samuel Butler maintained that "Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises." Sydney Smith, on the other hand, took what might be called the clinical approach to this question when he said: "The great secret of life is digestion." The philosophical approach was perhaps best expressed by Susan Ertz, who remarked: "Millions who long for immortality do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon."

For the graduate who is an athlete, Wilson Mizner offered counsel in this fashion: "In the battle for existence, talent is the punch, and tact is the clever footwork." And the athletes might also heed the warning of Margaret Halsey, (for it may be applicable to them ten or fifteen years from now.) She said: "He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own." That state of affairs is undoubtedly the result of accepting Alexander Woollcott's definition of life, which was this: "All the things that are really worth doing in life are either immoral, illegal or fattening."

The graduating students are of course being told that they emerge into a world that is dangerous and disordered, where everyone lives dangerously.

The future is sombre and uncertain enough. But remember that Teddy Roosevelt concluded that "the poorest way to face life is with a sneer."

No commencement speaker, I suspect, can lay down valid rules - no matter how great his wisdom or wide his experience. For life is essentially a long lesson in humility, and only the man who lives it can sum it up. Mark Twain wrote: "It is not likely that any complete life has ever been lived which was not a failure, in the secret judgment of the person who lived it."

When commencement speakers draw a grim, but no doubt accurate, picture of the road ahead, the new graduate may find comfort in the words of Samuel Butler, who said: "All of the animals, except man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it." Those of a more serious turn of mind will agree with William James that: "The great use of life is to spend it, for something that will outlast it."

We had thought on this day, when the news is light, to offer our salute to this year's ~~graduk~~ graduating classes - a toast of some sort to the life ahead. # I have an idea that an entire commencement speech could be made in a half-dozen lines. (And surely that would be a good thing.) These words were written by the great German poet and ~~philosopher~~ philosopher Goethe, and will of course like most commencement speeches be forgotten.

But just for the beauty of the language and the clarity of the thought, I should like to read you the "complete" commencement speech in a half-dozen lines. # "There are nine requisites for contented living: health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs; strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them; grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them; patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished; charity enough to see some good in your neighbor; love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others; faith enough to make real the things of God; hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future."

Now Bob Dixon Hears ~~[illegible]~~
With a Rather Special Message

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The same jury that indicted Mr. Remington is also investigating the five-year-old Amerasia case. And in Washington today, Senator Taft said he believes the Senate's Tydings Committee is trying to whitewash that episode. / The Senator also said that although he offered to help Senator McCarthy prove his charges of Communism in the State Department, the Wisconsin senator has "operated completely on his own responsibility."

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Friday, June 9, 1950
7:45-8:00 p.m.

MURROW: ..... Last weekend, flying back from Europe, I ran into an old wartime friend on the plane, one is a sort of trans-Atlantic commuter, and who has sat in on much of the world's history during the last ten years. He was Lend-Lease administrator in London, Ambassador to Britain, Secretary of Commerce, Ambassador to Moscow. He now roams all over Europe as special Ambassador for the Marshall Plan - Averell Harriman. Somewhere between Shannon and Gander, he agreed to answer questions on this program, just any questions.

Averell, you were home last in April. How have things progressed in Europe since then?

HARRIMAN: Well, Ed, I think the most significant development has been the revival, almost the rebirth, of initiative in Europe, and an outstanding example, but not the only one, is the bold proposal of the French Government, known as the Schuman plan, for the common use of the coal and steel industries of France and those of Germany and of other countries that are ready to join. You can see what far-reaching political and economic implications this has.

MURROW: Well, that's a little cryptic, Mr. Ambassador. Would you elaborate a little?

HARRIMAN: Well, it's pretty simple! These coal and steel resources have been the cause of conflict between France and Germany for a long time and they've disturbed Europe for a long time. If this plan is worked out, and I believe it will be, it gives a basis for a permanent understanding between these two countries and it will be an historic step in bringing Germany into western European community. You know that the proposal means the breaking down of international boundaries in the lower Rhine basin and the surrender of a degree of sovereignty to an international high authority.

MURROW: Well, Averell, do you think the British will ultimately associate themselves with this plan?

HARRIMAN: Yes, I believe they will. It seems to me that the British wish to know a bit more about how the thing is going to be worked out is understandable, but the fact is that the French, although they are going ahead with the negotiations with the Germans and the Belgians, Dutch, and Luxembourgers, are most anxious to get the British to come in. On the other hand, the British Government has indicated the same desire, but they want to know more about it before committing themselves. You know that when there is a fundamental desire on the part of people to get together they usually find a way to do so.

MURROW: Well, Ambassador Harriman, I imagine everyone you've seen since coming home has asked whether you think there will be a war. What's your answer?

HARRIMAN: I'm utterly convinced that war can be avoided and that we are laying the foundations on which we can attain security. It's not going to be easy, but the people of western Europe have the same overpowering desire as we have to live in peace. The job will mean real and immediate sacrifices. We have got to create a defense force; a well-balanced, collective defense force will make aggression unprofitable and is the greatest deterrent to war.

MURROW: How long do you think it will take to create this force?

HARRIMAN: I can't answer that question directly. The Marshall Plan will end in 1952, but, working together under the North Atlantic Treaty with our European partners will and must go on. How long assistance will continue from the United States to Europe to attain defense will depend upon when we feel we have achieved a situation in which we can live in security. After all, we can't be secure unless they are. The defense of the Continent is essential to our own security. You know, there are some two hundred million people in western

Europe ready to defend with us our mutual freedom. We need them as partners, and they are good partners.

MURROW: Well, what about the arming of western Germany?

HARRIMAN: That question is a bit premature. It's essentially a European question. The present policy of the European countries, the western European countries, is to bring Germany into the political andeconomic life.of western Europe and they'll have to decide how these relations are developing. You know that the Germans have been admitted into full partnership in the OEC. You know that's the Marshall Plan organization for cooperation.

MURROW: Yes!

HARRIMAN: And they've invited ... (correction by speaker) they've been invited into the political organization which is known as the Council of Europe.

MURROW: Well, how is this relationship developing so far?

HARRIMAN: In this OEC organization, the Germans have sent capable experts to Paris to work with those of the other countries and all my reports from our American observers, and from Europeans, are that the Germans are playing a useful and honorable role.

MURROW: Well, going back to the defense of western Europe, can they afford the expense involved without endangering their economic recovery?

HARRIMAN: Yes, but with our assistance. They can't do it alone. We've got to understand that the Kremlin-directed Communist aggression takes two forms, just as President Truman said today -- one, the external threat of invasion, and the other, internal penetration through subversion and propaganda, holding out false hopes to people who are having a tough time. If they get enough backing, they try to seize power. We've got to give hope to the poorly-paid workers that they can get a decent life in a free society. Freedom does not mean much if you can't eat, too. The defense against both these aggressions external and internal, has to be carefully balanced. To me, the underlying reality is that the North Atlantic community has the overwhelmingly preponderant

industrial production of the world; in fact, most of the vital production. We are the most inventive, hard-working, resourceful people of the world. If we work together with our brains, our muscles, and our resources, it's inconceivable to me that this double job can't be done.

MURROW: Well, is it your opinion that the Europeans are willing to do their share?

HARRIMAN: That's the easiest question, Ed, you've asked me so far! The answer is - yes! The Europeans don't want to live in perpetual fear and they have pride and they want to do their share and they want to attain a better life. Look what they have done with our Marshall Plan aid. Industrial production is running 25% ahead of prewar and, with a good break in the weather, agricultural yields promise to be this year the best they've had in a dozen years.

MURROW: Well, you've got representatives and trained observers scattered all over Europe. What's your information about the desire in countries such as France to remain neutral in this conflict?

HARRIMAN: When I was in Europe in 1947, before the Marshall Plan got under way, appeasement and neutrality had a wide appeal. There was so little hope that people were trying to find some way out and trying to believe that somehow the struggle could go over the top of them rather than through them. Two years later, after vigorous public debate, the French National Assembly ratified the North Atlantic Treaty unanimously except for the Communist vote and two or three fellow-wanderers. This meant setting aside for good all reliance on appeasement and neutrality. French deputies, like other representatives of the people, vote the way they feel their constituents want them to, but there are always a few people in France that talk and write about neutrality. We got our isolationists here. It's much the same sort of thing. I don't think it's much more significant than that.

MURROW: How many times have you flown the Atlantic, Averell, in the last ten years?

HARRIMAN: I can't think back that far, but in the last two years, in my present job, I think it's twenty times and I've done a little roving around Europe, too, from Norway to Turkey.

MURROW: Well, I'm sorry, Averell Harriman, that we haven't more time to continue this discussion. I've been sitting here for the last few minutes, engaging in a discussion, or, rather, asking questions, of special roving Ambassador Averell Harriman.

Now, here is Bob Dixon for Campbell's.

ANNOUNCER: (Commercial)

Now, Ed, what's the word for today?

MURROW: Well, Bob, this would seem to be appropriate. The first requirement in meeting our responsibilities to the world is to meet our responsibilities to ourselves. I'm sitting here, looking at Ambassador Harriman, who may well recognize that sentence ... he should, because he wrote it.

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The Senate today started debating a social security bill. And leaders of both parties agreed that pretty soon all Americans are going to be covered . Chairman George of the Finance Committee says that social security must be provided for all Americans within a year or two. Senator Millikan, ranking Republican on the committee, says it will have to be done "eventually".. "before another ten years." The bill now before the Senate would add 10-million persons to the 35-millions now eligible.. and it would almost double benefits to retired workers.. from $26 a month to $48 dollars. The House has passed a SOMEWHAT SIMILAR bill [redacted]

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A number of Senators of both parties.. including many who are on record in favor of Marshal plan aid.. today expressed their anger, surprise or disagreement with the British decision not to join the Schuman plan..(for pooling the steel and coal industries of western Europe.) Yesterday the Labor party said it wanted such industries nationalized first. Today, Prime Minister Atlee toned down the party statement.. said Britain wants to help, not hinder the plan. Mr. Atlee also called it "the sketch of a great idea"..said Britain wants to wait and see what's done about it.. how it works.

French officials say they're "astonished" at the British reaction.. think Britain is against all aspects of unity for Europe (although the British have made their position clear to the French in many notes in recent weeks.) And this surprise was evident in the Senate. Republican Senator Knowland, for example, suggested maybe we ought let the British try to stand on their own feet, without being encumbered by American dollars... Others spoke of the British statements as: "unfortunate".. setting back the cause of building Europe..suggested maybe we should stop co-operating with Britain if Britain won't co-operate with the rest of Europe.

In Washington, Civil Service Commission Chairman, Harry B. Mitchell says its not likely that there will be any large [redacted] cuts in the government payroll. (as long as the international situation continues as is.) He points out that in 1940 the government had about one million on its payroll. Now it has almost two millions. And while the Labor and Agriculture payrolls have gone down.. Defense has gone up almost three times what it was before the war.. to a total of 744-thousand workers. [redacted] The Veterans Administration used to have 39-thousand workers.. now has 189-thousand.

Eleven Democratic Senators and Representatives today advised the President to veto the basing point bill... that's the bill that would make it legal for manufacturers to charge one set of prices for their goods, regardless of different freight costs for near or far customers. The Democrats who are against this say it will hurt small business.. hurt the anti-trust laws.

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Edward R. Murrow: June 13, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

During the past ten days we have had a number of official, and officially inspired statements about new and improved weapons; claims that we are approaching the point in the military cycle where the defence will again be dominant.

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There is an old and admirable tradition in Britain that responsible politicians when they travel abroad do not lambaste their own Government, however skillful and effective they may be at lambasting it while at home. Lord Woolton, when do you expect the next Election in Britain?

WOOLTON: I've been asked two questions since I've been in this country, so we might as well get them both over now. The first is, when will the next Election be held? I don't know. I hope it will be soon, because a state of political stalemate isn't any good for anybody. I'm not going to prophesy; but I'll be ready for one in October.

Murrow: What was the other question you've been asked?

WOOLTON: Oh, everyone has asked me what I think of the Schumann Plan. Well, I don't know what the plan is. And anyhow a government of my country has taken a line on it. I suppose they know more about it than I do; so I'm not talking.

MURROW: Didn't anybody ask you about the Welfare State?

WOOLTON: Oh, they did. One of the difficulties between our two countries is that while we both talk the same language, words come to mean different things. And nothing I say tonight must be regarded as a reflection on your political situation or on our language I hope. That's your affair. But I can tell you about ours. The Conservative Party in Britain wants to put a floor in social conditions below which nobody shall be allowed to fall. Humanitarian views aren't bounded by any political Party. None of us in Britain wants to see mass unemployment with all the human suffering and economic

waste, that goes with it. I don't know why I said "in Britain". Surely nobody in the world wants to see his fellow men undergoing preventable suffering, either in health or economic circumstances. In Britain we regard it as the business of the Government to use its wisdom and its powers to prevent those things. There we're all agreed; but and here's the rub,-and it's one that every father of a family knows - when you're taking care of anybody you've got to be very careful that in the process you build up their strength and independence of character you might undermine it.

MURROW: What's impressed you most about this country?

WOOLTON: Your amazing prosperity.

MURROW: Why do you say "amazing".

WOOLTON: You must remember I come from England, where consumption is very heavily held in check, by rationing, by purchase tax which puts up the price of near luxuries. And when I come here I see all the bountiful production of the world - dinner sets from England which I've been trying to buy for two years. We can't buy them because they're all coming here. But the thing that strikes me most is food. Good gracious me, you have no idea how much food you have here. Well, you have, because you were in England when I was Minister of Food. The other day I ordered food on a train and when the waitress brought it I knew there was too much - I couldn't eat it all. You see our stomachs shrank during the war. But this is what interested me. I said to her: "Look don't let us waste all this; take half of it back." She was a nice girl, and she said: "Go on, try". And then this remark: "I guess we've so much here that perhaps we waste a lot."

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MURROW: I think you succeeded in making your meaning clear!

MURROW: What are you taking back to England with you?

WOOLTON: Some cold ham; my wife's taking some nylons; two Doctors' Degrees; and we're both taking very precious memories of almost exhausting hospitality and kindliness.

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running away.. or suicide.. ever since he heard of the arrest of Gold. But today, Greenglass, the father of two small children, said that's not so. "I have to go home, "he said,"to make a formula for my baby".. one month old. His wife returned from a hospital today. His mother says she's "bweildered" by the charge. As she put it:"You have a child under your arms until a certain age. Then you can't butt in. All the time my baby was in the army I thought he was pushing a wheelbarrel."

The arrest of Greenglass today came after the F.B.I.. just 24 hours ago.. picked up Alfred Dean Slack in Syracuse, New York.. charged him with giving the same Harry Gold a sample of a secret explosive from one of our ordnance plants in Tennessee. Slack, 44, father of two small children..says he's violently opposed to Communism.. admits giving the explosive to Gold.. says he's completely innocent of any wrong. He's being held on 100-thousand dollars bail. The Atomic Energy Commission says he once worked at the atomic plant at Oak Ridge.. adds nothing to that.

In California today, the F.B.I. arrested Dr. Sidney Weinbaum..55.. a research fellow in the mm chemistry department at the California Instiute of Technology. He is charged with perjury and fraud.. denying on two

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Senator Hickenlooper says more arrests can be expected in this case. And today the Republican senator demanded that the Tydings committee investigating Communism in the State Department, make its secret record public. He says that's the way to settle the latest argument between the State Department and Senator Mc Carthy. This one concerns Emmanual S. Larsen, who paid a $500 fine growing out of the Amerasia case. Senator McCarthy says Larsen made a deal for help with Undersecretary John Puerifoy . Mr. Peurifoy says McCarthy tried to make a deal with Larsen, he didn't.

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In White Plains, New York today, a grand jury that has spent eight months investigating the Peekskill riots of last August and September made its report. It found that the first demonstration.. which kept Paul Robeson from singing and speaking...was not the result of any individual or organized planning. Then, it says, the Communists took over the September affair.. "as a proving ground for rehearsing its strong-arm forces." The jury says "hoodlums" started this riot. And the jury commented on the "tragedy" of "misguided patriotic citizens who, protesting Communism, resorted to the same type of behavior which loyal Americans find repugnant in Communism." There was not enough evidnce to indict "the perpetrators" of either demonstration.

The President today signed one bill, vetoed another. "With the greatest of pleasure" he signed the Displaced Persons bill which will allow an additional 136-thousand refugees into this country. He said: "Now, post-war victims of totalitarianism will be on equal footing with the earlier victims of Nazi aggression." Mr. Truman vetoed the basing point bill. This would have permeittted manufacturers to charge the same price for their goods delivered to different areas of the country, regardless of different freight costs. . The President said this bill is not in the public interest.. would cause more confusion than the present law.. would hamper the preservation of fair competition.

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The arrest of Greenglass today came after the F.B.I...just 24 hours ago..picked up Alfred Dean Slack in Syracuse. New York..charged him with giving the same Harry Gold a sample of a secret explosive from one of our ordnance plants in Tennessee. Slack, 44, father of two small children..says he's violently opposed to Communism..admits giving the explosives to Gold... says he's completely innocent of any wrong. He's being held on 100-thousand dollars bail. The Atomic Energy Commision says he once worked at the atomic plant at Oak Ridge..adds nothing to that.

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In California today, the F.B.I. arrested Dr. Sidney Weinbaum..55..a research fellow in the chemistry department at the California Institute of Technology. He is charged with perjury and fraud.. denying on two occassions that he was ever a Communist. The government charges that Dr. Weinbaum, who worked at Cal. Tech's secret jet-propulsion laboratory for three years, was a Communist from 1938 on. The army banned him from his job last year. It was on appeal from this order that he said he wasn't a Communist. The charge followed. Dr. Weinbaum, a naturalized citizen, born in Russia, has a grown child. He told reporters today: "This is "unpleasant" for me and I don't want to say anything." The F.B.I. says he is not connected with the Gold- Greenglass-Slack crew. These three all face sentences of from 30 years in prison to death..under the espionage act.

Senator Hickenlooper says more arrests can be expected in this case. And today the Republican senator demanded that the Tydings committee investigating Communism in the State Department, make its secret record, public. He says that's the way to settle the latest argumen between the State Department and Senator McCarthy. This one concerns Emmanual S. Larsen, who paid a $500 fine growing out of the Amerasia case. Senator McCarthy says Larsen made a deal for help with Undersecretary John Puerifoy. Mr. Peurifoy says McCarthy tried to make a deal with Larsen, he didn't.

Federal Judge George B. Harris, in San Francisco, today granted a government request to revoke the citizenship of Harry Bridges, the leader of the C.I.O. Longshoremen's union. Bridges was recently sentenced to five years in prison for perjury..saying he was not a Communist, at his citizenship hearing in 1945. Judge Harris today, telling the government to prepare the order to revoke Bridges citizenship, said he got it in violation of the law..should not be privileged to "retain the fruit of his illegality." Bridges was born in Australia.

In White Plains, New York, today, a grand jury that has spent eight months investigating the Peekskill riots of last August and September made its report. It found that the first demonstration..which kept Paul Robeson from singing and speaking..was not the result of any individual or organized planning. Then, it says, the Communists took over the Sept. affair.."as a proving ground for rehearsing its strong-arm forces." The jury says "hoodlums" started this riot. And the jury commented on the "tragedy" of "misguided patriotic citizens who, protesting Communism, resorted to the same type of behavior which loyal Americans find

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The President today signed one bill, vetoed another. "With the greatest of pleasure" he signed the Displaced Persons bill, which will allow an additional 136-thousand refugees into this country. He said: "Now, post-war victims of totalitarianism will be on equal footing with the earlier victims of Nazi aggression." Mr. Truman vetoed the basing point bill. This would have permitted manufacturers to charge the same price for their goods delivered to different areas of the country, regardless of different freight costs.. The President said this bill is not in the public interest.. would cause more confusion than the present law... would hamper the preservation of fair competition.

This afternoon Mr. Truman told leaders of the CIO Political Action Committee that they're doing "one of the greatest political works"..telling their associates what could happen if the wrong answers are found to "the issues". Before visiting the White House, the P.A.C. delegates heard Jack Kroll, their director, charge that Labor's opponents "have got gold on their side..but we've got the people." And C.I.O. President Murray told the delegates they could easily collect one million dollars for political work from the people. Mr. Murray said: "They're willing to give..its simply a matter of being approached." For the first time a top A.F. of L. official addressed the group. He is Joseph Keenan, director of the A.F. of L's Political League. He told reporters he was glad to be there because "This is for all the marbles..all the chips."

Joseph P. Kamp today started a four-month prison sentence for contempt of Congress. Kamp who is executive vice president of the Constitutional Educational league, refused to produce his financial records for a House Committee.

The Federal Trade Commission says five big manufacturers of anti-histamine drugs have agreed not to advertise their products as capable of curing, preventing, eliminating or stopping the common cold. They can advertise that their products will relieve, check or stop the symptoms of a cold.

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The State Department has turned down Russia's demand that Trieste be internationalized..

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and we refuse to pull out our troops. We charge the Russian demand is another propaganda move.

In Germany today, U.S. High Commissioner McCloy told Ruhr industrialists to blame Hitler.. not us..for the restrictions under which they're working now. Mr. McCloy said: "Never in history has a defeated country been set so rapidly on its feet, by a former enemy...Germany should count its blessings.

The Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, Averell Harriman, has a new job. He is to be a Special Assistant to the President. The language used by the White House in announcing the appointment is not exactly a model of clarity. It says: "The implementation of the decisions reached at the recent London meeting, and the intergration of the various interests of the departments and agencies concerned with the development of government-wide policies, related to our international responsibilities, require a large measure of presidential consideration and decision. The President believes that Mr. Harriman's long experience in international affairs will be of great value in helping him deal with these matters. Mr. Harriman will assume his new duties early in August." (It sounds as though Ambassador Harriman has himself quite a job.)

Since he will be dealing entirely with international affairs, it might appear that there would be some overlapping or conflict with the State Department's functions. However, Secretary Acheson recommended and urged that the position be created, and that Harriman fill it. His real job will be to try to co-ordinate the whole complex of agencies and departments that have to do with foreign affairs. And that includes practically every department of the government.

The only place where differences of opinion or objective between, for example, Defence, State and Treasury can finally be resolved is in the Presidents office. It will be Harriman's job to try to look at the whole picture of our interests and commitments abroad, and then advise the President as to what his decisions should be. Competition between departments, conflicting advice to the President, is inevitable. (And it often confuses our friends abroad.) It will be Mr. Harriman's task to try to play the role of the impartial arbiter, and to see to it that the various government departments dealing with foreign affairs - whether it involves money, food, diplomacy, guns or anything else - all operate on the same set of signals. If the language of the announcement was complex, the job itself will be more so.

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Senator Lucas says he'll keep the Senate in overtime session tomorrow..to finish action on extending the draft bill. It expires at midnight Saturday.

Secretary of State Acheson today spent a full day with the Governors Conference at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. First, he appealed for help for the Point Four plan. (to aid underdeveloped areas of the world.) He told the governors he may have to borrow some of their top health and sanitation experts for overseas work. Then he was questioned..publicly and privately.. about Senator McCarthy's charges of Communism in the Department. The Secretary's public answers can be summed up this way: He said: "we are satisfied, so far as anybody can be satisfied in this uncertain world, that we have a good, clean, loyal department".. I have no worries about my associates.. one of the few good things about the recent charges is that they've persuaded Ambassador

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For the first time in 15 years we're going to have a new Social Security law. The Senate passed a new bill tonight. The House has passed a somewhat similar bill. (Differences will be ironed out in committee.) The Senate bill brings another 10-million persons under the law..makes them eligible for the new benefits which raises the average payments to individual workers from 26 to 49 dollars a month. The Senate bill increases the maximum family benefit from 85 to 150-dollars a month. The House Ways and Means Committee has finished its work on a new tax bill. Its supporters call it "veto proof"..say that it more than meets the Presidents demand not to cost the government any revenue. Today the committee adopted a sort of pay-as-you go plan for corporation taxes (which will be raised in the new bill.) The idea is to collect money owed the government in the first half of the year rather than spread it over four installments. This won't mean any more money for the Treasury..but it will get it quicker. And as a result some 800-millions would be available during the next fiscal year.. This would leave the government on the plus side..after figuring in excise tax cuts and closed loopholes in the present law and the new corporation tax. This bill still has a long way to go..through the House..Senate committee,,then the full Senate. But Senate Majority Leader Lucas thinks it will go through. Senator Lucas says he'll keep the Senate in overtime session tomorrow.. to finish action on extending the draft bill. It expires at midnight Saturday.

Secretary of State Acheson today spent a full day with the Governers Conference at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, First, he appealed for help for the Point Four plan..(to aid underdeveloped areas of the world.) He told the governors he may have to borrow some of their top health and sanitation experts for overseas work. Then he was questioned..publicly and privately..about Senator McCarthy's charges of Communism in the Department. The Secretary's public answers can be summed up this way: He said: "we are satisfied, so far as anybody can be satisfied in this uncertain world, that we have a good, clean, loyal department"..I have no worries about my associates..one of the few good things about the recent charges is that they've persuaded Ambassador Jessup to stay on the job, instead of resigning as planned.

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They talked a good deal about the elections coming up this November. If I were to try to sum up what they forecast for them, it would go something like this: The Republicans, they think, are likely to make modest gains this fall. The Democratic Governors don't expect to see their party do much more than hold its own. Most of them concede that they're likely to suffer defeat in marginal seats in their states. The Republicans, on the other hand, expect to pick up a seat or two in nearly every state. But even the most optimistic of them don't look for any landslide this fall comparable to the Republican sweep in the last off-term election, four years ago, in 1946. A Governors' convention is, almost by definition, a conference of personalities. Probably because the Republicans represent the party out of power, the most interesting personalities at this meeting at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., were Republicans. The two who stood out were Duff of Pennsylvania and Warren of California. Governor Warren, of course, has been a big league figure for some time. But

at this conference, James Duff of Pennsylvania came into his own. His victory against the Old Guard in Pennsylvania has established him as a power in the party and as a man to watch, and all the other Governors were watching him. His name cropped up in every political discussion. Of course, New York's Governor Dewey attracted a great deal of attention, as always. He's been taking a back seat at this conference, as was to be expected after his retirement -- temporary, everyone suspects -- from public life. He's been playing a good deal of golf. Ed, I know thatGovernor Dewey is an old golfing companion of yours. You'll be interested to know that he broke 100 yesterday, for the first time since his bursitis began to bother him. He went out on the course at the Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs with Governor Lausche of Ohio. Governor Dewey shot 98, Governor Lausche shot 77. One of the correspondents remarked, somewhat unkindly, that Governor Dewey had found another Democrat that he couldn't beat.

But it's noticeable that his fellow-Governors retain a great deal of respect and admiration for Governor Dewey. He had a great deal to do with the conference's choice of Ohio's Governor Frank Lausche, his golfing companion, as its next chairman. This was a considerable break with tradition, since Lausche is up for reelection this fall, and normally the Governors won't take any chances on the man they elect chairman not being there next year. In effect, Lausche's selection means that the Governors are betting that he will be reelected. Lausche, in fact, was the most noticeable Democratic figure among the Governors. He's universally respected and personally popular, and his statement that he might vote for Taft didn't hurt him any among his colleagues who are Republicans. That was the conference's first bombshell, when he made that statement.

As for the issues at this conference, the big one was Senator McCarthy. It was quite apparent that a great many, if not most, of the Republican Governors were very unhappy about being identified with McCarthy-ism. Three of the most influential of the Republican Governors -- Duff, Warren, and Driscoll of New Jersey -- spoke out firmly against the tactics. But even they

admitted that McCarthy-ism is a potent political issue, will mean votes for Republicans. Just how true that was was demonstrated today. After Dean Acheson's remarkable performance yesterday, in which he seemed to have won over most of the Governors, a resolution was drafted, expressing confidence in the State Department. That resolution was debated behind closed doors in executive session this morning, but the resolution was never adopted. Too many Republican Governors decided that whatever they felt about Senator Mc Carthy and however much they were impressed with Secretary Acheson, as a matter of practical politics, they simply could not disown him in a campaign year. So the Governors' Conference contended itself with passing a resolution before it broke up, thanking the Secretary of State for coming down and talking to them.

So, as you can see, there was a good deal of politics, a good deal of personality and, perhaps, who knows, out there on the golf course, a good deal of king-making going on at this, the 42nd of the annual Governors' conference, which was held at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs this week. It's been an interesting conference, Ed, and I suspect that we'll be hearing from a lot of these Governors next fall.

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Secretary of State Acheson said today: the western allies are on the threshold of a new period in the search for peace. (I'd like to review his speech at Harvard in a few minutes.)

Two Senate committees--Foreign Relations and Armed Services--reported today that new weapons have "materially influenced our defensive plans" for the North Atlantic area." The committees say some of these weapons are in production.. others are in the development stage.

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Both the Senate and House have passed bills to extend the draft law for 15-days. (so they can get together on a new bill to extend it for another two ~~to~~ or three years.) The law expires at midnight tomorrow. Today the Senate passed a bill that calls for a three year extension.. with the President privileged to renew draft calls, if Congress is not in session at the time. The House bill calls for a two year extension, with Congressional approval necessary before the draft can be put into effect.

The House also approved a bill to let 25-hundred aliens join our army. Representative Short said: "Let's be honest.. this is dirty business. War is dirty business." These aliens [redacted] would [redacted] be used as spies in eastern Europe. The Senate wants to take 10-thousand of them into the army. The difference has to be settled in committee.

The Tydings Committee today heard from John S. Service of the State Department. At a public hearing he denied Senator McCarthy's charges that he tried to "torpedo" Chiang Kai Shek.. help the Communists take over China.. that he was ever a [redacted] policy maker in the State Department.. that he knew Frederick Vanderbilt Field. [redacted] As for the Amarasia case, and his part in it, Mr. Service gave this testimony: He thought Philip Jaffe, the editor of Amerasia, was a legitimate journalist. He gave him copies of personal memoes he had made on the Chinese situation. He realizes he was indiscreet. But

none of the material came from Department files.. he never discussed military or economic policy with Jaffe, who paid a 25-hundred dollar fine in the case. Senator Hicknlooper introduced a paper recovered from the Amerasia office--five years ago--marked "top secret.. supplied by John S. Service". Mr. Service said he thought these were notes made by Mrs. Mark Gayn, after Service talked to her WRITER husband.. who was arrested in the Amerasia case, but not prosecuted. Service says the information, concerning two private notes President Roosevelt sent to Chiang, had previously been published in this country. It was part of his job to give background material on China, to writers, such as Mark Gayn. Mr. Service said he did nothing illegal.. has nothing to conceal.

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The relationship between the Schumann Plan and divorce laws may not be obvious - maybe it doesn't exist. But it is a fair conclusion, that if we in our wisdom have been unable to devise a set of laws to regulate relations between individuals, we can afford to be patient with those in Western Europe who are attempting to hammer out a set of laws or regulations to control relations between nations.

What we are witnessing, in this effort of Europe to get together, is merely another proof of the "inevitability of gradualness."

Now - an easy giving Friend - B ob Dixon.

COMMERCIAL

Well Bob, if you think we drew a long bow in relating marriage and the Schumann Plan, you might be right - I would remind you that Confucius once said: "Marriage lies at the bottom of all government." And if you disagree with that, here's some advice from Mark Twain for the weekend: He said: "There are three things which come to my mind when I consider excellent advice. First, girles don't smoke - that is, don't smoke to excess; second, don't drink - that is don't drink to excess; third, don't marry - I mean to excess.".

Good night and Good Luck!

6/26/50

This is the news:

The South Korean government has evacuated its capital city, Seoul. The people have been asked to fight the invaders from North Korea. An American army spokesman in Washington says the situation is "not hopeless." A Spokesman for President Synghman Rhee says the enemy is being held... except in the Seoul area. Korea's ambassador to Washington calls the situation "very critical." The United Nations Commission in Korea calls it "dangerous."

The American spokesman in Washington says 500 American military advisors are in the field with South Korean divisions, regiments, battalions. They are advising.. not fighting. There are no reports of any American casualties.

Some 700- American women and children have been evacuated from

south Korea. Another 225 are in Seoul with the embassy where secret documents were burned.

President Rhee, in Seoul, says American aid came too late.. too little and too late.. "we have nothing to stop the tanks." He was told that General MacArthur is realeasing ten Mustang planes for Korea. Korean pilots in Japan will fly them over. President Rhee's spokesman says: yes, after they learn how to fly the planes in combat.

MacArthur's headuqrters is flying air cover for two ships evacuating Americans from South Korea. They will also protect the military material we send in. The Defense department spokesman in Washington says MacArthur "is and has been" sending equipment to Korea.

The Korean ambassador in Washington told reporters today that his country has not received any of the ten million dollars worth of arms voted by Congress last fall. (An American spokesman says we left 56-millions worth pf military equipment in Korea when our troops withdrew last year. The Korean ambassador asked the President for help.) He told newsmen: Give us the weapons, we'll do the fighting. We need immediate help to avert a world tragedy.

The Korean minister in London says his government wants the help of American troops...as well as material.

Mr. Truman was busy in conferences all day...issued a statement calling the attack on South Korea: unprovoked aggression...

lawless action.. wilful disregard of the obligations ~~[illegible]~~ to keep the peace... it cannot be tolerated.. we vigorously support the United Nations effort to end it .. those who are responsible for the attack "must realize how seriously this government views such threats to world peace." The President pledges more and quicker help.

~~Secretary of State Acheson says: "The situation in the far east was never, more than today, a matter of greatest concern to this government."~~

Assistant Secretary of State Barrett does not doubt reports that Russian troops and equipment are aiding the North Koreans. He says: "There was as much chance of the North Koreans making this attack alone, as for Donald Duck to go on a bender without Walt Disney knowing about it."... its a sneak attack, inspired and managed by the Kremlin.

Our army has no confirmation of reports that Russians are participating in the fighting.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today released secret testimony it received a month ago from our ambassador to south Korea- John J. Muccio. He said then that if the North Koreans attacked, there was little hope of stopping them.. they had ~~material~~ superiority of materiel.. tanks, planes.. heavy weapons from Russia. An American army spokesman says the South Koreans have 50 pilots.. no combat planes.

Republican senators greeted the day with loud complaints against our intelligence..said it was another Pearl Harbor.. the attack in Korea caught us flat-footed. Tonight, after hearing Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter in secret session, many said: a good job was done. The Admiral explained to reporters: the invasion was expected for one year.. its not possible to predict the timing.

Republican Senators went on record favoring supplies and weapons for the Koreans.. made a point of noting we have "no obligation" to get into war..

Chairman Connally of the Foreign Relations committee suggested --vaguely--that we and our allies "might get together and take action over and above the United Nations."

All this gave the Stock Exchange its worst day since Hitler invaded France ten years ago...In the western countries of Europe, the people and the press watched Washington... West Germans thought the moral "was: we must keep American troops here for a long time..The communist press echoes the Moscow Line; the South Koreans invaded north korea.

Back in Washington: The Senate approved and sent to the White House a bill adding 2-billions to the money available to support farm prices.

~~Railroad operations which were still halted on four western roads by a strike of AF of L switchmen. But the conductors and trainmen have decided to mediate their dispute rather than walkout in the middle of July.~~

Here in New York, Bookie Frank Ericson was sentenced to two years in prison..fined 30-thousand dollars... He pleaded guilty to a 60-count gambling charge.

The French are still trying to get a new government to replace the one that was voted out of office on Saturday.

In Britain, Conservative Anthony Eden accused the governmnet of hurting the western front against Communism.. by not joining the Schuman plan talks. Sir Stafford Cripps replied for the government: Saying, we want to see how the plan to pool coal and steel works out.

Edward R. Murrow: June 26, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

For the last two days I have been remembering that phrase, the one so current in Europe in 1938 and '39: "Do you want to die for Danzig?" There is something horribly familiar about this whole pattern. This thing that is happening on that long peninsula that juts out between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan -(the whole country is only about the size of Minnesota)- is war, in a land of which most of us know nothing. But what is happening there could be one of the great exclamation points of history, like Mukden, the re-occupation of the Rhineland, the Anschluss. Munich

It appears clear that the tide of battle runs strongly against the ill-equipped troops of Southern Korea. Perhaps the most significant despatch of the day, came from the United Nations Mission in Seoul. It speaks of the danger that the North Korean forces may "finish the job in a matter of days." The men on the spot say Yesterday's Security Council resolution, asking for cease-fire and withdrawal may "prove academic." Those familiar phrases: "dangerous situation" and "possibilities of rapid deterioration" appear in the U.N. Commission's report.

We are entitled to assume that this action was not undertaken without the approval and guidance of the Kremlin. This fact outweighs all others,

and heightens the sense of impending danger; for this is the first time in ten years - since the Finnish war - that Stalin, a shrewd and cautious man, has given his consent to open, overt, ungloved aggression. In the post-war period he moved timidly into Iran - withdrew under U.N. pressure; used diplomatic threats against Turkey; contributed to guerilla warfare in Greece; absorbed Czechoslovakia; and employed a bold blockade in an effort to drive us out of Berlin. Step by step he has struck harder and more dangerous blows; and this move into Southern Korea is more determined, and more reckless, than any that have preceded it. This could reflect abandonment on the part of the Russians, of the belief that time is on their side. Certainly it is proof that they are willing to live more dangerously than ever before, for they have now erupted across one of the great power frontiers drawn at the end of the war.

They may have struck this soft spot because Communism is held in check in Western Europe, and they may have moved in an effort to strengthen the Communist parties throughout Asia, and to further damage American prestige in that area. If they succeed in this venture, the damage done may not be great in the sense of grand strategy, but it will severely shake the will

to resist COMMUNISM both in Asia and in parts of Western ~~EX~~ Europe.

About a year ago President Truman said: "The survival and progress of Southern Korea will have an immense and far-reaching influence on the people of Asia." It is equally true that its failure to survive will have an immense influence throughout Asia.

Most of the world's capitals, including Moscow, are strangely silent. But most of the West European press depicts this crisis as one between the United States and the Soviet Union. And the victory for the forces of Northern Korea will be regarded not as a victory to the North over the South, but rather as a victory of the Soviet Union over this country.

The Security Council of the U.N. meets tomorrow afternoon. There are reports that our Government will ask for Sanctions, and that the issue of trying to devise a United Nations armed force of some sort may be raised. But such deliberations should be weighed against the report of the U.N. Commission in Korea, which speaks of "a matter of days" and of U.N. ~~xxxxx~~ resolutions proving "academic."

If Southern Korea falls it is only reasonable to expect, on the basis of past Russian performance and Communist doctrine, that there will be other

and bolder ventures. This one has at least exposed the utter and complete hypocrisy of the current Russian peace propaganda campaign.

There is room, and to spare, for recrimination. Sygman Rhee, Prime Minister of South Korea - who now complains bitterly that our aid is "too little and too late" - was loud in his insistence that American troops be withdrawn. Many of our military leaders were persuaded that the peninsula was just another Bataan, and strategically unimportant. The combat potential of the South Korean troops was obviously over-estimated. Our Intelligence, understandably, failed to anticipate the blow. But before we ~~xxxxxxxx~~ undertake a search for thos responsible for this state of affairs, we might ponder Winston Churchill's advice when he said: "If we engage in recriminations about the past, we may well lose the future."

Now here is Bob Dixon.

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Well Bob, there is quiet or great caution in every Foreign Office; this is a time when words must be weighed, decisions made from which there may be no retreat. There was a French play that sums it up. A diplomat asked for instructions; he received the reply from his government: "It is urgent to wait."

Goodnight and Good Luck!

June 27-50

This is the news:

General MacArthur says our planes and naval elements are now conducting combat missions against the invaders in South Korea. He says: we are sending supplies in by air and ship.. We have established a small headquarters in the south. The Seoul radio says our planes are attacking North Korean tanks.

Mac Arthur's announcement of our forces in action came [redacted] two hours after the President so ordered. Mr. Truman said: "The attack on Korea makes it plain, beyond all doubt, that Communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war." He said: a return to the rule of force would have far-reaching effects.. we demand a rule of law in international affirs. Therefore, in addition to ordering our ships and planes to cover and support South Korean troops, Mr. Truman issued a number of orders--which I'll review in a minute-- to protect a line down through Formosa to Indo-China.

We took two other steps: We sent a note to the Kremlin telling the Russians just what steps we've taken to get peace restored in Korea.. and asking the Soviets to call off the North Korean invaders.

And we proposed to the United Nations Security Council that: "members of the United Nations furnish such assistance to the Republic of Korea as may be necessary to repel the armed attack (on it) and restore international peace and security in the area." The Russians again were absent. The Yugoslavs prefer that the COUNCIL call a North Korean to the council table to explain his country's position. But so far--with the Council scheduled to hold another session later tonight--our resolution has been approved by: Britain, France, China, Cuba, Ecuador and Norway. The Egyptians and Indians are expecting their instructions from home tonight.

The general approval of our position in the Security Council was reflected in the capitals of our allies. And in Washington, the Senate and House showed a rare unaninimity.. in support of the President's statement. Consistent Republican critics of our foreign policy in Asia called for support of the President. A few questioned: does this mean war.. there were no clear-cut answers. A few suggested if it takes war, that's all right with them, the line is drawn the Communists must be stopped... first, in South Korea.

There have been very meager reports on what actually is happening in south Korea. The Russians are broadcasting stories about chaos in Seoul.. the Northerners attacking from all sides. But the best evidence from south Korea.. --ALTHOUGH VAGUE-- says the south Koreans stopped the attack on Seoul, the Capital, and pushed the invaders back from 12 to 20 miles. Washington spokesman say there "is no indication of demoralization" among the Korean troops. General MacArthur says the appearance of tanks in the suburbs of Seoul LAST NIGHT "appears to have been isolated forays."

The General has available for support some 500 planes.. including 30 b-29's.. and 18 warships.. ranging from an aircraft carrier

to destroyer escorts. The Navy says the Seventh fleet has been placed under his control. Washington says General MacArthur's orders are "general"...he may decide on any details he wants to.

The Communist government of North Korea tonight took up the Moscow line.. claims that the Security Council's cease-fire order is illegal.. because it was not represented in the discussions.. and because Russia and Communist China were not there.

The President's statement today gave the New York Stock Exchange its busiest day since the last war started in September of 1939. Most stocks went down.. A few went up.. at one time the ticker fell behind 27 minutes,.. a record.

After the President made his statement [redacted] it took Senators and Representatives only one hour to agree on a new draft bill. They decided to extend the draft for a year.. put no restrictions on the President's power to call up men. And, acting on their own, the congressmen gave the President power to call up the National Guard and reserves "should conditions so warrant." Defense officials say they didn't ask for this. And they stress it does not mean any mobilization of the Guard and Reserve as a result of the Korean affair.

The House debated the tax bill..to reduce excise taxes and raise corporation taxes.. but more than one member pointed out: even if we pass it now, it may not be long before we'll have to raise taxes... "if the smoke in Korea bursts into flame."

Politics may have ended temporarily on the floors of congress today but not in the Atomic Energy Committee. Republican members refuse to approve the nomination of Acting Chairman Sumner Pike for another term on the Atomic energy commission.. they think he's too New*dealish.. too critical of Congress. Mr. Pike is one of the original commissioners. His term ends at midnight Friday.

Edward A. Rumely, of the Committee for Constiutional Govermment, told the House lobbying committee he will not reveal the names of persons who helped finance his committee. He said he beat one charge of contempt of Congress, and he's prepared to go through it all again.

Here in New York today, the American Luxury liner Excalibur collided head-on with a Danish freighter in New York harbor.. about five miles south of the Statue of Liberty. [redacted] The ship was beached.. her 114 passengers--bound for a Mediterranean cruise--were removed without injury.

In France today former Premier Henri Queuille failed to form a new cabinet.

And in London, the government won a vote of confidence on its decision to stay away from the Schuman plan meetings. The vote was 309 to 289.

Edward R. Murrow: June 27, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

For About three days this country faced a classic dilemma, of saving peace - (at least for a time) - by condoning or accepting outright aggression; or of attempting to stop and throw back that aggression, by employing means and methods that in themselves endanger peace. Sometime yesterday the decision was taken. And at noon today President Truman announced that he had "ordered United States Air and Sea Forces to give the Korean Government troops cover and support." Both Naval and Air units have been in action.

Mr. Truman also ordered the Seventh Fleet to prevent any attack on the Island of Formosa - told Chiang-Kai-Shek to call off his war against the Communists on the mainland - and left the whole question of the future of Formosa to be settled at some distant date. This pulls the political rug from under Chiang-Kai-Shek, and is an effort to "neutralize" him, while more pressing problems are taken care of.

Mr. Truman decided to reinforce our garrison in the Philippines and step up military assistance to the Philippine Government. He also directed acceleration in the furnishing of military assistance to Indo-China.

We have reversed our Far Eastern policy, drawn a line, risked a war, and committed ourselves beyond the possibility of turning back. The support

~~Thax~~ for this policy in Congress, and in the nations of the Western World, appears to be practically unanimous. This action, this new policy, commits us to much more than the defence of the southern half of the Korean peninsula. We have commitments quite as binding, obligations quite as great, to Indo-China, Iran and Turkey as we have to Korea. We have drawn a line, not across the ~~peninsula~~ peninsula, but across the world. We have ~~concluded~~ concluded that Communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations, and will now use armed invasion and war. And we, for our part, have demonstrated that we are prepared to calculate the risks, and face the prospect of war, rather than let that happen.

And so the big maps are up again in the Pentagon; and American sailors and fliers are in a war. Our history does not know a more solemn or more fateful decision ever taken by a government of the United States, in cold blood, at great distance, where violence has not been done to American lives or property.

A British correspondent said today: "For a while I thought you were going to have your Munich; and now it looks as though it might be your "finest hour."

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In Mr. Truman's statement today he said: "A return to the rule of force in international affairs would have far-reaching effects." Ships laden with munitions and weapons bound from Japan to Korea; C-54's unloading at three airports in South Korea; American warships standing off the coast; and American fighters and bombers working over Communist tanks in ~~the north~~ Korea isn't diplomacy - it's force. Time alone will reveal ~~what~~ the Russians' response to this action. They have maintained that the action of the Security Council is illegal because Russia and the Chinese Communists weren't there. // Apparently we have not given up all hope of using diplomacy, for our Embassy in Moscow today asked the Soviet Government to use its influence with the North Korean authorities for the withdrawal of the invading forces, and the cessation of hostilities. //

So far both the Russian press and radio have been playing this Korean war straight, printing Western despatches alongside those from the Communist North. The Russians are not openly, overtly or publicly committed in this war. Their press and radio have made no effort to create a war psychology amongst the Russian people. We cannot draw back from the course we have calculated and chosen. | The Russians could still, with minimum loss of face,

and perhaps at the price of liquidating a few Communist leaders in the North, stabilize the situation at least temporarily. Or they can choose to pour in air ~~forces~~ and armor, while claiming that we were the ones who started this intervention in a ~~xxxx~~ civil war. They undoubtedly have adequate force to clear the peninsula. The Russians have succeeded in spreading us more thinly ~~xxxxxxx~~ around the world; they may hope to divert our attention from the major objective ~~xx~~ for both East and West, which is Europe. I do not pretend to know. Only one thing emerges from this crisis, and it is nothing new. The decision as to whether we have peace or war, now rests with that handful of mysterious men in the Kremlin. For our decision has been made & translated into action. It Remains for the Russians to decide.

Now a word from Bob Dixon.

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Well Bob, these are not days when it is easy to find appropriate quotations. But perhaps this one from Abraham Lincoln will serve: "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." Or maybe this one from Thomas Fuller is more appropriate: "When our hopes break, let our patience hold."

Goodnight and Good Luck!

6/28/50

This is the news:

American jets fighters, and attack bombers, are again over South Korea./ Its Thursday morning there now, and late dispatches [redacted] say our planes are trying to stop a Communist drive on the KOREAN air base at Suwon. SOOWHAN That's 20 miles below the capital city of Seoul, which was taken by the North Koreans earlier today./They also captured Seoul's airport./Army spokesmen in Washington and General MacArthur's headquarters, give us these details on the fighting: the South Koreans are holding the enemy along the Han river..just below Seoul. Bad weather is handicapping our air attacks. There has been no sabotage.. no guerrilla action.. no subversive action in south Korea--(according to Pentagon spokesmen.) Our planes have been hitting truck convoys, railroad yards and troop concentrations. The only target identified is a city north of Seoul. We have knocked out at least six heavy tanks.. downed at least eight enemy planes. [redacted] We now have signal corps men in South Korea.. armed only for their own protection. The North Korean radio claims 28- hundred South Koreans were killed or captured in the drive on Seoul.

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And that, Ed Murrow, is how the Korean war looks from Tokyo)

Our Military spokesmen in Washington are considerably more confident about the battle in South Korea, and about civilian and military morale than are the reporters at General MacArthur's headquarters and those in South Korea. The Capital has fallen; we have one useable and adequate port left; and two airports capable of handling four-motored transports. Our original decision, set forth clearly in the President's statement of yesterday, was to fight this war with air and naval forces. The weather is bad; the Air Force is having trouble identifying friend from foe; and the North Korean armor is now in terrain where there is plenty of cover. From the outset the question has asked itself whether this operation can be conducted successfully without the use of ground forces. The re-taking of ports, airfields and the Capital city can hardly be done by the Navy and the Air Force. Even if we accept the confident, optimistic estimates of the Pentagon as to the cohesion and morale of the South Korean troops, it seems that General MacArthur must decide - perhaps in a matter of days - whether to commit American ground forces in Southern Korea.

Edward R. Murrow: June 28, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

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The Russians have not yet replied to our note asking them to tell the North Korean forces to withdraw. But the Moscow newspaper Pravda today laid down the party line, which is being followed by the Communist press and radio around the world. The editorial accuses us of "a direct act of aggression in Korea; of trampling on the U.N. Charter;" says our action is further evidence that American ruling circles no longer confine themselves to preparing aggression, but have gone over to direct acts of aggression. The editorial asks: "Have they gone too far?"

The communist-controlled radio in Berlin says that the United States has "undertaken war in Korea as a preliminary to a direct attack on the Soviet Union itself and the Chinese people's Republic.

So far, the Russian reaction gives us no hint of Russian policy. There have been no threats of retaliation, no hint of meeting force with force.

The Russians--together with all other members of the United Nations--are now being asked to report to Lake Success on what "assistance" they are giving the South Koreans...under the Security Council resolution adopted last night. Today, the British announced that all their warships in Japanese waters will be at the disposal of the United States...some 22 ships in all. The announcement was greeted by cheers in the House of Commons.

And in Washington, the 21 Latin American Republics went on record with "their firmest support" for the United Nations resolution.

The President made two speeches today..referred to Korea in each one. He said he "hopes" the decisions he made yesterday..to help South Korea..will mean peace to the world. And he told an American Newspaper Guild convention in Washington: the unprovoked invasion of the Republic of Korea is an example of the danger Communism presents to all underdeveloped areas in the world. He said: we must and shall give every possible [redacted] assistance to people who are determined to maintain their independence.

Stuart Symington, the chairman of the National Security Resources Board, said today that the President's decision assures us "that things won't blow up".. calls it a move for peace.

Secretary of State Acheson told reporters we're pleased with the free world's reaction to our decisions. He said: "This is a time for very steady and sober talk and action. It is not a time for general speculation, for trying to stir up difficulties which don't exist, for imagining possibilities which are remote. It is a time for the very greatest steadiness."

In the Senate, Senator Taft called upon Mr. Acheson to resign... because, he said, the President's announcement yesterday reverses Mr. Acheson's Far Eastern policy. The Senator said he approves of what Mr. Truman has done, but: if the Administration had taken a firmer stand earlier, the North Koreans would never have attacked. Our foreign policy has been bungling and inconsistent. If the President can intervene in Korea, "he can go to war in Malaya or Indonesia or Iran or South America, without the consent of Congress." Majority Leader Lucas told the Ohio Republican his remarks "played directly into the hands of the Kremlin."

Republican Senator Knowland of California says its "absurd and unrealistic" for us to confine our air and sea attacks to South Korea...below the 38th parallel that seperates the north from south. The Senator says we should attack North Korean bases..and not the territory of "the victim of aggression."

The Senate today passed a one-year extension of the draft bill, and sent it to the White House. The vote was 73 to nothing.

The Stock Market recovered somewhat today after its drops of the past two days.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee wants the Senate to put the Mundt-Ferguson Communist-control bill on its "must" list.. for action before adjournment.

The Tydings Committee has voted to make a report on what it has learned about the charges of Communism in the State Department. It was a three to two vote.. the two Republican Senators, Lodge and Hickenlooper, opposing a report at this time.

The Senate Interior Committee has approved statehood for Alaska and Hawaii..after 10 weeks of hearings. The House has approved statehood bills for both territories.

The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index went up eight cents this week.. to the highest point in 17 months.

The New Hampshire medical Board of Registration has restored the license of Dr. Hermann Sander, who was acquitted in a so-called mercy killing trial six months ago.

In France, former Premier Henri Queuille has agreed to try to form a "government of national unity." Although he recently turned down this assignment, Queuille accepted it today after former Premier Bidault refused to make a new try.

In west Germany tomorrow, Chancellor Adenquer will meet with the western allies. His aides say he's going to make another appeal for security guarantees.. a formal pledge that the west will defend Western Germany in the event she is attacked.

In Romania, the Communist government has accused American Catholic Bishop Patrick O'Hara of being the leader of an underground spy ring... a plot to overthrow the government.

Now here is Bob Dixon for
Franco American.

Murrow: June 28, 1950. WORD FOR TODAY

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Well Bob, I suppose this is a time when some men are fighting and others praying. So we have found a quotation from a fighting man and a praying man. Tamerlane, who knew something of war, said: "It is better to be on hand with ten men than to be absent with ten thousand." Bernard Gilpin, a British clergyman, remarked: "I hate to see things done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly; if it be wrong leave it undone."

Goodnight and Good Luck!

EDWARD R. MURROW WITH THE NEWS
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 PM EDST

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MARTIN: The American war against the Communists has not been an easy one. When the planes came in low to bomb or release their rockets, the Communists threw up heavy ground fire. Unofficial reports say that at least 3 American planes were shot down Wednesday. The crew of one bomber was reported to have bailed out.

MacArthur's official war summary said that 3 planes on the ground were reportedly destroyed by strafing. A number of other American planes, pockmarked with bullet holes, managed to reach their bases in Kyushu.

A curious type of war, half guerrilla and half positional, seems to be developing in Korea. The South Koreans are still holding road blocks on the invasion routes from the North. But there is no real front in the military sense. The Communists do not appear to be worried over being cut off from their supply bases. Food isplentiful in the countryside. They undoubtedly captured large stocks of gasoline and many vehicles in Seoul. The last Americans evacuating the capital said that scores of automobiles had been abandoned in the streets when the flood of refugees tied up traffic.

South Korean divisions were badly mauled and broken up by the sudden attack last Sunday, and many units disappeared into the mountains

General MacArthur's advance headquarters in Korea is trying to re-establish contact with these remnants while planes are ready to airdrop new supplies.

American officers in Tokyo believe that some units will be left in the rear of the Communist .. (one word indistinct) They will be ordered to .. up communications and harass reinforcements. If there is

(MARTIN)
time, the rest of the soldiers may be moved south and reorganized into miniature regimental combat teams on the American pattern.

Thus far the Americans have concentrated on rushing ammunition and light weapons into Korea. But trucks and artillery will be pouring into the southern ports very soon.

The Communists apparently are worrying about this one-way traffic. They are now attacking South Korean seaports and airbases. One and possibly two amphibious attacks have been made on the southeast coast to knockout ports and air bases directly across the from the Japan coast. But the days when the Communists could carry out amphibious landings at will seem to be numbered. The United States Navy and the Air Force should be able to handle these invasion fleets.

Despite the gloom around his headquarters, General MacArthur remains confident. In his summary of the war situation, he said: "The advantages of surprise and shock are now eliminated. The staying power of both North and South Korean forces are now being put to the test."

And that, Ed. Murrow, is howthe Korean war looks from Tokyo.

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Our Military spokesmen in Washington are considerably more confident about the battle in South Korea, and about civilian and military morale than are the reporters at General MacArthur' headquarters and those in South Korea. The Capital has fallen; we have one useable and adequate port left; and two airports capable of handling four-motored transports. Our original decision set forth clearly in the President's statement of yesterday, was to fight this war with air and naval forces. The weather is bad; the Air Force is having trouble identifying friend from foe; and the North Korean armor is now in terrain where there is plenty of cover. From the outset the question has asked itself whether this operation can be conducted successfully without the use of ground forces. The re-taking of ports, airfields and the Capital city can hardly be done by the Navy and the Air Force. Even if we accept the confident, optimistic estimates of the Pentagon as to the cohesion and morale of the South Korean troops, it seems probable that General MacArthur must decide - perhaps in a matter of days - whether to committ American ground forces in Southern Korea.

The Russians have not yet replied to our note asking them to tell the North Korean forces to withdraw. But the Moscow newspaper Pravda today laid down the party line, which is being followed by the Communist press and radio around the world. The editorial accuses us of "a direct act of aggression in Korea; of trampling on the U.N. Charter;" says our action is further evidence that American ruling circles no longer confine themselves to preparing aggression, but have gone over to direct acts of aggression. The editorial asks: "Have they gone too far?"

The Communist-controlled radio in Berlin says that the United States has "undertaken war in Korea as a preliminary to a direct attack on the Soviet Union itself and the Chinese people's Republic.

So far, the Russian reaction gives us no hint of Russian policy. There have been no threats of retaliation, no hint of meeting force with force.

The Russians--together with all other members of the United Nations--are now being asked to report to Lake Success on what"assistance" they are giving the South Koreans...under the Security Council resolution adopted last night. Today, the British announced that all their warships in Japanese waters will be at the disposal of the United States...some 22 ships in all. The announcement was greeted by cheers in the House of Commons.

And in Washington, the 21 Latin American Republics went on record with "their firmest support" for the United Nations resolution.

The President made two speeches today..referred to Korea in each one. He said he "hopes" the decisions he made yesterday..to help South Korea...will mean peace to the world. And he told an American Newspaper Guild convention in Washington: the unprovoked invasion of the Republic of Korea is an example of the danger Communism presents to all underdeveloped areas in the world. He said: we must and shall give every possible assistance to people who are determined to maintain their independence.

Stiart Symington, the chairman of the National Security Resources Board said today that the President's decision assures us "that things won't blow up"...calls it a move for peace.

Secretary of State Acheson told reporters we're pleased with the free world's reaction to our decisions. He said: "This is a time for very steady and sober talk and action. It is not a time for general speculation, for trying to stir up difficulties which don't exist, for imagining possibilities which are remote. It is a time for the very greatest steadiness.

In the Senate, Senator Taft called upon Mr. Acheson to resign..because,he said, the President's announcementyesterday reverses Mr. Acheson's Far Eastern policy. The Senator said he approves of what Mr. Truman has done, but: if the Administration had taken a firmer stand earlier, the North Koreans would never have attacked. Our foreign policy has been bungling and inconsistent. If the President can intervene in Korea, "he can go to war in Malaya or Indonesia or Iran or South America", without the consent of Congress. Majority Leader Lucas told the Ohio Republican his remarks "played directly into the hands of the Kremlin."

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The Dun and Bradstreet wholdsale food price index went up eight cents this week..to the highest point in 17 months.

The New Hampshite medical Board of Registration has restored the license of Dr. Hermann Sander, who was acquitted in a so-called mercy killing trial six months ago.

In France, former Premier Henri Queuille has agreed to try to form a "government of national unit." Although he recently turned down this assignment, Queuille accepted it today, after former Premier Didault refused to make a new try.

In west Germany tomorrow, Chancellor Adenquer will meet with the western allies. His aids say he's going to make another appeal for security guarantees.. a formal pledge that the west will defend Western Germany in the event she is attacked.

In Romania, the Communist government has accused American Catholic Bishop Patrick O'Hara of being the leader of an underground spy ring..a plot to overthrow the government.

Now here is Bob Dixon for France American.

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Well Bob, I suppose this is a time when some men are fighting and others praying. So we have found a quotation from a fighting man and a praying man. Tamerlane, who knew something of war, said: "It is better to be on hand with ten men than to be absent with ten thousand." Bernard Gilpin, a British clergyman, remarked: "I hate to see things done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly; if it be wrong, leave it undone.

Goodnight and Good Luck!

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~~A Commerce Department official said today, no one in Washington is even discussing the possibility of voluntary rationing.. or a freeze on commodities that might be needed by the government at this time. Mr. McCoy says the government has no power to seize, freeze or ration [illegible] and he sees no indication of any such need at present.~~

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Hottelet says news came like blow to solar plexis of west Germans.. like "a bird watching a snake"... a demonstration in west Berlin didn't work out so good today.. too much apathy.

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by the effects of MacArthur's visit on the American trained Koreans. He conferred with Pres. Rhee and top American officials in Korea and then went directly to the front lines to observe the situation for himself. An optimistic summary of the war...issued after General MacArthur returned to Tokyo said that the fighting lines in South Korea have been stabiliged but the Communists probable hold a beach head south of the Kan River...The only natural barrier in central Korea. Apparently the Red tanks have not yet moved on toward Suwon..the American supply base where MacArthur landed.

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The "Manchester Guardian," for example, begs the western powers to make it clear that they are not acting to prop up the South Korean Government, whose record is called far from blameless, nor do they seek to maintain the status quo. The action is purely to establish the principle that aggression anywhere will be met by immediate collective force. Far from wanting to lick the Russian, the common hope here in Britain is that Russia will now recognize that the line has been drawn and peaceful negotiations of general settlement can begin in Korea.

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HOTTELET: Ed, the first word from Korea on Sunday hit both zones of Germany like a blow at the solar plexus. Germany considers itself the Korea of Europe and on Sunday you could feel it doubling up under the impact of the news in sickening, paralyzing fear. There wasn't even any comment. A few people were heard to ask whether they ought to stock up on food, but, in general, Germany watched events in Korea dully and completely placid. It was a bird watching a snake, only this bird had long experience in power politics and invasions. It watched for a repetition of Munich and of that hypnotic slogan - why die for Danzig? (one word unintelligible), perhaps the greatest danger to the west, even the show of appeasement, would have destroyed the Allies' moral position in Germany. This danger has been vanished for the moment. American intervention has been taken as proof that democracy can act swiftly and with courage to preserve itself and today Germany has new hope that western strength will still prevent the Korean war from spreading. That's the main hope on both sides of the zonal boundaries and one the Russians are running into right now.

This afternoon, a giant demonstration was called in Berlin to proclaim solidarity with North Korea and with the cause of Communist peace, but the spectators were herded listlessly into the square and showed no enthusiasm for the promise that Soviet Russia would help the Germans throw the Allies out of Germany. Eastern Germans and western Germans want nothing more than to be left out of the (?) world conflict, even though every day shows them there isn't a chance.

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This is the news:

American troops are now being flown into southern Korea. Brigadier General Church, our top commander on the peninsula, says the first batallion of the 24th infantry is on its way to Pusan, on the southeastern coast. The General made this news public soon after he took up new headquarters.. after EVACUATING his previous command set-up.

The General said: the first assignment of the American troops will be to hold bridges between us and the enemy. We are going to drive the Communists back." A reporter asked: "What if the Russians come down with the North Koreans?" The General replied:"If the Russkies come down we'll fight the Russkies."

Its been a long , hard day for south Koreans and Americans in Korea. It opened with American hedauqarters at Suwan.. 20 miles south of Seoul. The South Koreans held a line BEFORE SUWAN at the Han River. But they couldn't hold for long. The enemy pushed troops across..established a beachhead.. then brought over some 40 to 50 armored vehicles.

The South Koreans--reported to be in great fear of tanks--because they have so little to combat them-- then fell apart. One report from the front says the Koreans promised to lay mines to cover the retreat of American headquarters.. and then just walked away, refused to fight. General Church then decided to move his headquarters south. And he had to abandon the important airfield at Suwan. Our headquarters is now at a city called Taejon...70 miles below our previous headquarters.

A few minutes ago Correspondent Robert Martin told me from Tokyo:

The Resistance of the south Koreans has apparently collapsed.

Many of the fighters in the area of Suwan threw away their arms, without a fight —

He says A big airlift is now developing in Japan to get our troops into Korea.

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~~That put the enemy within reach of our headquarters at Suwan. For a time it looked as if the South Koreans would hold. They didn't. So General Church decided to evacuate the headquarters and the important airfield at Suwan. Headquarters then moved 75 miles to the south, to a town called Taejon, where we're established now.~~ The place where our troops will be landed.. at Pusan.. is yet another 100 miles or so to the south. They will go up to the ~~[illegible]~~m front by train.

The decision to send troops to Korea was made by the President earlier today. He also announced that our naval forces will blockade the entire Korean coast. And he gave the air force authority to attack specific military targets north of the 38th parallel. Heretofore they've been restricted to attacks below the line that divides the north and south. Today our B 29's were out again.. attacking near Seoul. Our fighter planes destroyed 15 enemy tanks. And we strafed the Seoul airport.. indicating that it is not in the hands of the south Koreans.

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At the United Nations Security Council today, India formally went on record in favor of the council's resolution to help the South Koreans. And Egypt announced that she must abstain.. because: she says this battle is just another episode in the East-West cold war.. and because the U.N. refused to take similar action during the war in Palestine.

So far 31 nations have announced that they are ready to help the council's decision to restore peace in Korea. Russia, Czechoslvakia.. and a message from the North Koreans.. all protest that the council action was illegal.

This was a very busy day for the President. In addition to meeting with cabinet and military officials he: signed into law a one-year extension of the draft.. a bill that gives him the power to call up the National Guard and the Reserves in an emergency.

The President also signed a bill permitting the army to recruit 25-hundred aliens. (presumably for service as spies in Europe.)

The President vetoed a bill which would have changed the Hatch act.. to permit federal employes in the Washington area to take part in local politics. He favors that.. but he wants federal employes everywhere to have the privilege of working in local politics.

The President soon will get a bill authorizing a 70-group air force. Its now been passed by both houses. In the past Mr. Truman has said we can't afford a 70-group air force.

Tonight the President will be at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to address the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

The Senate today approved one and a quarter billion for another year of the arms aid program. It includes 16-million for Korea and the Philippines. The vote was 66 to nothing..

Two senators.. Kilgore of West Virginia , a Democrat,

and Bridges of New Hampshire, a Republican, have introduced a bill that calls for a voluntary military training program.. open to boys from 16 to 21.. who would train only during the summer months.

The government reported today that almost 61 and a half million people had jobs in June.. that's just 133-thousand under the all-time high employment figure--set 23 months ago. Since January four and a half million persons have found jobs.

At Fort Levenworth, Kansas, Undersecretary of the Army Archiblad Alexander said today: we must meet and conquer an enemy's "ground forces" to win a war of any size.

In Washington, a federal grand jury indicted Harold S. Ambrose--former special assistant to Postmaster General Donaldson--on 24 counts.. in connection with the operation of a 700-thousand dollar pool in postage stamps.

The Ohio State fire marshal says Robert D. Segee, 21, has confessed that he set fire to the Ringling Brothers Circus in Hartford, Connecticut, six years ago. That fire took the lives of 168 persons.

In Vatican City today, Pope Pius ordered major excommunication

for Catholics who undermine legitimate church authorities, and take high pastoral office without the approval of the Vatican.

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Edward R. Murrow: June 30, 1950. 7.45 p.m.

Many times during the last war the news from home made strange reading. If The G.I.'s who are going ashore into Korea could read some of the statements made during the last couple of days they might get a distorted picture of the climate of opinion that exists back home. Here are a few examples: Republican Senator Taft demanding Acheson's resignation; saying the President has "usurped the powers of Congress."

On Monday Republican Senators Knowland, Millikan, McCarthy, Bridges and Wherry - all playing party politics as usual during ~~attempting to make political capital out of~~ the gravest crisis this country has faced in the last five years.

Today Republican Senator Capehart of Indiana accused the Democrats of leading America into a shooting war for the third time in thirty-three years; said they ought to call themselves "The War Party". "It would be a criminal disservice to America to support the Administration's foreign policy in the future." Representative Earl Wilson of Indiana was a little more extreme. He called the Korean situation "another crisis created for election purposes." Representative Charles Hallick had this to say: "As far as I know, the Korean situation is not a Russian movement." Most of Mr. Hallick's colleagues in the House appear to be better informed as to the

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This is the news: American troops are now being flown into Southern Korea. Brigadier General Church, our top commander on the peninsula, says the first battalion of the 21th Infantry is on its way to Pusan, on the southeastern coast. The General made this news public soon after he took up new headquarters...after evacuating his previous command set-up. The General said: "The first assignment of the American troops will be to hold bridges between us and the enemy. We are going to drive the Communists back." A reporter asked: "What if the Russians come down with the North Koreans?" The General replied: "If the Ruskies come down we'll fight the Ruskies."

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Many times during the last war they news from home made strange reading. If

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Both carrier and land-based air can hack at the communist flanks, transportation routes and depots. We can expect at least another month of heavy rain and low-hanging cloud which will severely restrict the effectiveness of air strikes.

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Now - Bob Dixon -

COMMERCIAL

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On the battlefronts of South Korea there has been a comparative lull..punctuated by one of the heaviest American air attacks to date on enemy lines. While both sides continued to build up their forces for the big battle to come, American jets, Mustangs, medium bombers raked over the enemy lines above Chonan.. just about where they were 24 hours ago. There is no detailed count of the damages inflicted but certainly we must have taken a HEAVY toll of enemy tanks, troops and supplies. Five of our planes are missing. A spokesman at Korean headquarters says:"We believe the air strike stopped the enemy... the general situation has improved slightly."

One of our advanced patrols managed to move ten miles north of Chonan. Apparently they ran into a trap. When some of the unit had passed through a small village, North Koreans opened fire. There was

a quick withdrawal...some wounded.. and then as enemy infantry drove a wedge between our units.. our artillery opened fire on the Communist positions. The present position of the patrol has not been reported.

A Pentagon spokesman says our line is slightly north of Chonan.. on a ridge.. overlooking a river whose bridges we've blown up. As our patrols go out..to the north.. our major force waits for the enemy to come down.

My colleague Bill Costello, a veteran correspondent in the Far East, has arrived in Tokyo after a three-day air trip from Washington. He's talked to a number of officers.. many his long-time friends.. and tonight he cables his first report. Costello says the general opinion at headquarters is that our troops have done well. There will be more reversals.. even some defeats in the next few days. But so far we have just about achieved a mircale in stopping the enemy. Costello says that the South Korean defenders ceased to exist as an army after the third day of the invasion. Some of their units have rallied..are now fighting side-by-side with American troops. But, he says, if there had been no [redacted] United Nations intervention, the Communists by now would have [redacted] over-run the whole southern

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The United Nations Security Council today voted to ask the United States to name a supreme commander for all U.N. forces fighting the North Koreans. That will most likely be a job for General MacArthur. The vote was seven to nothing.. with India, Egypt and Yugoslavia abstaining.. without explanations. The council also authorized the use of the blue and white U.N. flag in Korea. And Tyrgvie Lie, the secretary general, has turned over to American Ambassador Austin the same flag that Dr. Ralph Bunche used over his headquarters in Palestine during the fighting there. Mr. Lie told the Ambassador: "Bring it back when the job is done." Both Mr. Sunde of Norway, the council president, and Mr. Chauvel of France, praised American troops and the American government for their actions in Korea.

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Press Association surveys show that in many cities some Americans are on a buying splurge.. because of a fear of war shortages. Automobiles, trucks, tires, nylons , sugar and sheets seem to be the big items... In some instances greedy merchants are suggesting to customers: "Buy it while

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In Germany today, American High Commissioner McCloy told reporters: he thinks the American show of strength in Korea makes an attack on west Germany less likely. But he said we still don't have enough divisions in all West Europe.. allied as well as ours.

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To sum up, this is not mobilization; it is not the calling up of the Reserves. It is designed to stimulate enlistment, and under the present law, it could involve the drafting - probably two or three months hence - of between two hundred and eighty thousand, and six hundred and thirty-five thousand men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-six.

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Goodnight and Good Luck!

July 7/50

We went off the air last summer with the world in this condition:

We had 1-million 370-thousand men in uniform...635-thousand less than the authorized maximum...Local draft boards had been told to standby, get ready for drafting of men to make up the Congressional authorization of 2-million...no decision had been reached on calling up the reserves...there was a comparative lull in South Korea, but warnings that a buildup for a big battle was in the making...Bill Costello cabled that we had achieved a miracle in stopping the enemy, that our line was still very, very thin, but that if the United Nations hadn't intervened the Communists would now have over-run all of South Korea...The U.N. Security Council, with India, Egypt & Yugoslavia abstaining, voted to ask the U.S. to name a supreme Commander in Korea...the best guess for the job was Mac Arthur...The Senate Appropriations Committee voted more than 14½ billion for new defense spending...Senator Lodge said this wasn't enough, warned too that Europeean situation is potentially a 1000 times more dangerous than Korea...The American High Commissioner in Germany, McCloy said Western Europe urgently needed more allied divisions...the President asked Congress for another 260-million to help build an H-Bomb...and Americans were on a buying spree because of a fear of war shortages in such items as cars, tires, nylons, sugar and sheets...

EDWARD R. MURROW WITH THE NEWS
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1950
7:45 - 8:00 PM EDST

THIS IS THE NEWS:

We are again going to draft young men for our armed forces...men from 19 up to 26. And to meet the situation in Korea each of the armed services is calling for specialist volunteers. (I'd like to discuss these developments in a few minutes).

- On the battlefronts of South Korea there has been a comparitive lull...punctuated by one of the heaviest American air attacks to date on enemy lines. While both sides continued to build up their forces for the big battle to come, American jets, Mustangs, medium bombers raked over the enemy lines above Chonan...just about where they were 24 hours ago. There is no detailed count of the damages inflicted but certainly we must have taken a heavy toll of enemy tanks, troops and supplies. Five of our planes are missing. A spokesman at Korean headquarters says: "We believe the air strike stopped the enemy?..the general situation has improved slightly."

Oneof our advanced patrols managed to move ten miles north of Chonan. Apparently they ran into a trap. When some of the unit had passed through a small village, North Koreans opened fire. There was a quick withdrawal...some wounded...and then as enemy infantry drove a wedge between our units....our artillary opened fire on the Communist positions. The present position of the patrol has not been reported.

A Pentagon spokesman says our line is slightly north of Chonan...on a ridge.. overlooking a river whose bridges we've blown up. As our patrols go out...to the north... our major force waits for the enemy to come down.

My colleague Bill Costello, a veteran correspondent in the Far East, has arrived in Tokyo after a three-day air trip from Washington. He's talked to a number of officers many his long-time friends....and tonight he cables his first report. Costello says the general opinion at headquarters is that our troops have done well. There will be more reversals...even some defeats in the next few days. But so far we have just about achieved a miracle in stopping the enemy. Costello says that the South Korean defenders ceased to exist as an army after the third day of the invasion. Some of their units have rallied...are now fighting side-by-side with American troops. But, he says,

if there had been no United Nations intervention, the Communists by now would have over-run the whole southern Republic. American tanks are now in Korea...riding up to the front on flat cars. They're needed. Costello says our line is very, very thin in comparison with the number of enemy troops it faces. But, even while our advanced units were forced to withdraw, they gained time for the build-up to the south. The first small unit sent into advanced positions was told to hold on for 36 hours. These inexperienced troops managed to stay up front for four days before being forced to withdraw. It's this sort of thing...and the arrival of new supplies that suggests the conclusion: "We have done a highly creditable job....in the circumstances".

The United Nations Security Council today voted to ask the United States to name a supreme commander for all U.N. forces fighting the North Koreans...That will most likely be a job for General MacArthur. The vote was seven to nothing...with India, Egypt and Yugoslavia abstaining..without explanations. The council also authorized the use of the blue and white U.N. flag in Korea. And Tyrgvie Lie, the secretary general, has turned over to American Ambassador Austin the same flag that Dr. Bunche used over his headquarters in Palestine during the fighting there. Mr. Lie told the Ambassador: "Bring it back when the job is done." Both Mr. Sunde of Norway, the council president, and Mr. Chauvel of France, praised American troops and the American government for their actions in Korea.

In Washington tonight the Reconstruction Fianance Corporation announced that three of the government's synthetic rubber plants will be put back into production...At Houston, and Port Neches, Texas...and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Navy says the Marines--who have been ready to start for the Far East since they got orders on Monday...are still shore-bound..because of a shortage of transports.

The Senate appropriations Committee has approved more than 1½ and a half billion dollars for new defense spending...some 82-million less than the President requested.

Republican Senator Lodge of Massachusetts suggested today that Congress forget about cutting taxes and add two billions to the arms aid program. He says the situation in Europe is potentially a thousand times more dangerous than the situation in Korea..

the point of the Soviet arrow is aimed not at Korea, but at western Germany.

The President today asked Congress for another 260-million...to help build a hydrogen bomb...and more facilities for other atomic weapons.

Press Association surveys show that in many cities some Americans are on a buying splurge...because of a fear of war shortages. Automobiles, trucks, tires, nylons, sugar and sheets seem to be the big items....In some instances greedy merchants are suggesting to customers: "Buy it while you can."

In Germany today, American High Commissioner McCloy told reporters: he thinks the American show of strength in Korea makes an attack on west Germany less likely. But he said we still don't have enough divisions in all West Europe...allied as well as ours.

In Washington, the Interstate Commerce Commission has approved commutation fare increases up to 25 per cent for four eastern railroads operating in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio and West Virginia.

The drafting of young men is to be started again...(after 18 months of inaction..) because of the situation in Korea - to help build the armed forces up to full strength.. to provide support and replacements for the men fighting in the Far East.. Just what the Defense Department wants..how many men...is not yet clear. Selective Service headquarters is waiting for this information...meanwhile has asked the States to build up their local draft boards and stand-by. One thing is clear: all three services, army, navy and air force, want volunteers, not just for manpower...but but for expert work... specialists...men who can slip into a uniform and a battle station with a minimum of preparation. The Air Force does not want to draft men..is not going to call up reserves.. but hopes Reserves will volunteer. The Navy, too, does not expect to call reserves. The army is hesitant....may call up some individual reserves...perhaps some reserve "units"... to train the new draftees. The Army says there is no decision yet to call up the National Guard. And army spokesman says: "There are a lot of veterans who want to get back in."

Under the new draft law...recently signed by the President, men from 18 to 26 must register Only those who have passed their 19th birthday, and are not yet 26 years old, can be

drafted...for 21 months of service. It will work the way it did before the last war... deferments for those who are"essential" in the eyes of their local draft boards....and deferments for those who have dependents. This ban on drafting men with dependents rests on a Presidential order; it can be revoked...(but doubtless men with dependents will not be called up until other resources have been utilized.) Senator Bridges..one of those who attended a White House conference as the draft decision was announced..says the number of men to be drafted is a careful secret...he doesn't think the Defense Department will need more money until "the situation has jelled." Now, here are the figures that describe our present armed force manpower situation...and what the Defense Department could want. Congress has authorized an armed force...all branches...of a little over two million men. We can't have a bigger force than that unless Congress says so. But right now we have an estimated one million 370-thousand men in uniform. That's 635-thousand below the authorized maximum. But there's another factor. Congress has appropriated money for a force of only one million 650-thousand men. That means the Armed forces can take in 280-thousand volunteers and draftees to reach its budget limitation. But the President has approved going beyond that...without figures. So..it appears that Defense can use anywhere from 280-thousand to 635-thousand men. And the general Pentagon preference is: for volunteers...with experience...specialists.

To sum up, this is not mobilization; it is not the calling up of the Reserves. It is designed to stimulate enlistment, and under the present law, it could involve the drafting - probably two or three months hence - of between two hundred and eighty thousand and six hundred and thirty-five thousand men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-six.

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But it is a flag, and not a shield behind which we can mass our power almost at leisure, as has been the case in previous wars. The fact that we have moved from air and naval support to the use of ground forces, to the lifting of the bomb line, to the Draft, is proof of the speed with which events march. It all seems so terribly familiar.

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This is Ed Murrow in New York.

Now, Bob Dixon.

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EDWARD R. MURROW, IN FIRST TOKYO BROADCAST,
SAYS GI's PERFORMED "NEAR MIRACLE" IN KOREA

By Edward R. Murrow

As Broadcast from Japan

This is Tokyo, about 27 hours by air from Seattle, where you meet old friends in the Army who say in a puzzled sort of fashion "Why, only a couple of weeks ago, there I was taking the wife for a drive, talking about our vacation, and now here I am."

This is also a place where you meet more reporters from earlier wars than have been together in one place since the end of the last one. The old hands who have been to Korea are inclined to agree that it is not a good place for living or dying. And they agree, too, that a near-miracle has been performed by the often ill-trained and inadequately equipped GI's out there.

I saw and heard enough on the flight out here to convince me that the air defense on our outer perimiter is alert and vigilant. Here at General MacArthur's headquarters, there is the old problem that confronts every war correspondent. Each headquarters has a certain atmosphere, a mood, a state of mind, a morale, and those things change from week to week. It is something hard to define but you sense it. You gather it from talking to old friends, and watching faces listening to scraps of conversation. It is reflected not only by generals, but by jeep drivers and the whole complex of headquarters.

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This one seems to me to be an island of big buildings surrounded by servile Japanese who have done a most remarkable job of flimsy reconstruction since the end of the war. This American island in steaming Tokyo is an unhurried place, far removed from the conflict. The mimeograph machines grind out the usual communiques and announcements, but even the correspondents have a sense of considerable remoteness from the war in Korea.

Confidence in the ultimate outcome of this Korean business seems to be greater here than in Washington. Similarly, there seem to be fewer illusions as to how tough the job is going to be. My friends in the Air Force are doing what they did so much during their time in England, cursing the weather; admitting that their estimate of tanks destroyed are just estimates, because accuracy is impossible. I was told today that the North Koreans are using a new trick. Our flyers go down to have a look at a tank or an armored vehicle, and they find smoke pouring from it, indicating that a previous flight had found it with a bomb or a rocket. But in fact, the North Koreans had set off a smudge pot inside in an effort to convince our pilots that the vehicle was already a dead duck.

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THIS IS TOKYO: NOTES ON THE AIR WAR,
HOW IT LOOKS, SMELLS AND FEELS
By Edward R. Murrow
As Broadcast over CBS from Tokyo After Flight
with Bombing Mission over Korea

This is Tokyo: A few notes on the air war.

A jukebox is blaring "Paper Doll." The eggs are fresh, instead of powdered. A few widows are being sent home by air. The majors and colonels are a little thicker through the middle than they were at the end of the last war. Those who used to talk of sex and manifold pressures now talk about their children and the future.

A major remarks with wonder "Why, I only left home two weeks ago, and my wife already has a driver's license."

The colonel's wife at a base in south Japan offers you a drink, turns all the fans on you and asks if you think she should send her two children home. The youngsters, 10 and 12, proudly show you their Japanese bicycles.

"Almost as good as American bikes," they say, "but they could do with a better coaster brake."

A few hundred yards away, a GI, manning a Bofors antiaircraft gun, lies on his back, with the warm, soaking rain falling on his chest and face.

Most of the slit trenches have been dug by Japanese. They're works of art, by people who love the soil, deep and neat, with little

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steps for walking down. The sod has been carefully cut and then replaced over the heaped-up earth -- the most finished and inviting slit trenches I've ever seen. Down in those fields in western Japan where I spent the weekend, the nights are hot, the mosquitoes are big and hungry, and there aren't many electric fans. The sounding sea curls white around the little islands and the spring green of the coastal plain shades back to the deep blue of the wooded hills.

Hiroshima from a thousand feet looks much like other Japanese towns, except there seems to be all open space for parks, where people used to live, and those areas are brown and dusty, and the air over Hiroshima was turbulent, as though still protesting.

But back to this war. You don't get much news of the world or the war down in those western airfields, but it's easy to follow the flow of battle by the calls for airpower. Yesterday the typhoon moved out of the way and the go-and-go jets and the B-26's were out from dawn to dark.

Here's what it looked like for three bombers of the front bomb group. We were briefed for a low-level mission against four bridges between Chongju and the west coast. No fighter escort. Those B-26's carried 4,000 pounds of bombs, 16 machine guns firing forward, plus 14 five-inch rockets under the wings. Major Ed Shuck was flying lead. During a briefing he cautioned the other two boys to keep an eye out for power lines when they came in to bomb the bridges. I thought that was just for my benefit, but I learned better.

Yesterday was a big day, because Major Shuck has designed himself a new bomb, and we were going to try it out for the first time. They'd been having trouble with five hundred and thousand-pound bombs from low levels. They kept skipping out of the target area; sometimes

half a mile or more before they'd explode. So the major cut the tail-fins off and rigged four small parachutes on the tail of each bomb. That, he thought, would pull the nose down, slow up the bomb and keep it on the bridge. Those bombs looked like something designed by Rube Goldberg. We took off; got over the Korean Straits at 6,000; the guns were tested. The fishhook formation was tucked in, wingtips almost touching. After crossing the coast at Pusan, we went up over broken cumulus.

The air was full of fighter talk. One boy got a tank six miles south of Seoul; another said to the ground control officer "My feet are dry at 2240. Got any targets for me?" We started to let down through the clouds. Major Shuck called and asked if there were any of our little friends in the target area, and the welcome word came back that six F-80's were rounded up. We broke out at 4,000, picked up our muddy, shallow river, and at 10:00 o'clock on a lovely summer morning went down for our first bridge. The altimeter fell off to 1,000, then 500. The clock read 320 miles an hour.

We lifted over a small hill. There was a Korean trying to hide behind a tree no thicker than my wrist. We went in over the bridge at less than 100 feet. The lead ship bombed. Over a little village I saw one man take a running dive into a drainage ditch. There was no ground fire. The three pilots kept talking to each other as though they were sitting shoulder-to-shoulder, instead of in three different aircraft. We went back to look at the bridge. One span was down. There was a railroad bridge about forty yards downstream. The major said we should take that one. So we moved over to the center and lined it up. And went in again with a B-26 on each wing. The bombs were timed for six-second delay, in order to give us a chance to

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get clear. I heard our bomb hit the bridge and was frightened, because I thought it was the belly of the ship that it hit. When we pulled out, I asked the pilot how low we were, and he said "About sixty feet." The bridge was down.

We went up through the overcast for our next target. There were a dozen B-29's stooging around up there, looking for a hole and a target. We sighted a bridge and looked it over from about 3,000 feet. The three pilots decided it was defended. There were fresh pits at each end. We were flying on the right wing now. It was decided that the two wingmen would go in with all 16 50-calibers working, to make them keep their heads down, while the middle ship bombed. And with everything rattling, we made the first pass -- and missed it; went back and tried it again. And only the pictures will tell whether we got it. But as one of the pilots said, "If we didn't get it, it was sure wetted down."

We pushed on up the west coast, swung wide over the water and came out over a little hill for our last target, a highway bridge. We couldn't get a straight run on it; then the tracers began coming up at us. Major Shuck slipped his ship in and bombed, and when the smoke had cleared we could see he had missed. The boys talked it over and decided to go back. And so there we went again with machine guns hammering. It was our turn to bomb. Our pilot pulled up thick, bullet-proof glass across in front of his face, and we went for it at about 100 feet. The smoke from the earlier bomb was drifting toward us and we missed. A third time, those youngsters decided to try for it, talking it over very calmly. On the third time it was no good.

My pilot had one bomb left. And, said Lieutenant Stringer to Major Shuck, "What about my having a try from the other end?" The

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major thought it over and said "OK, but don't get too low." I was unhappy. But a lineup from the other end went flying straight at the 600-foot hill, which was just beyond the bridge. I didn't think a fighter could bomb level and pull out of there.

Lieutenant Stringer pushed the nose down, wiped his eyes and shoved everything forward. I can report that bridge was floored with 12 by 6 planks and that there was a rusty oil drum at the north end. When the bomb went, he pulled everything back into his lap and I closed my eyes. And then through the head phones the other two pilots were quietly saying that they thought that one did it. Then we started home. When we got there, the ground crew swarmed around to find out how Major Shuck's bomb had worked.

It seemed to me, and the pictures will prove it, that it worked right well. Some of the boys down there are flying two missions like that one in a single day. 90% of their aircraft are operational. It never averaged more than 85% in Europe. And they're doing it with about half the personnel that was available in the ETO. This is part of the whole effort to isolate the battlefield. It has not been successful yet. Most of those rivers are shallow and can be forded. It's hard to find a tank in daylight. They just drive it through the side of a house and let the roof fall on it, and there they are all cosy till nightfall.

Many of the boys down there in the South will tell you that the F-80 is too short-legged for strafing and rapid work, and we could do with some old junks - P-47's. B-29's aren't ideal for tactical air support. But we're using them for it because the air over here is doing what the ground is -- just doing the best it can with what it has.

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EDWARD R. MURROW: AUGUST 1st, 1950 - 7:45 - 8:00 P.M.

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Coming in to land at a field in western Japan last night, the sun was blood red....going down into a purple sea. An experienced officer sitting beside me said, when he looked at the sun, "looks like blood". Mighty appropriate. The jet F-80's were still coming back from missions; the paint around the muzzles of the 50-calibers blistered and peeling. A transport plane came in and taxied around the perimeter at high speed. Someone said: "That joker is in a hurry." The ambulances were waiting for him...and they pulled away with their heavy, hurting load, and every big hole and rut made us sweat. The line of ambulances were held up at the end of the runway while more Jets took off into the blue dust of the evening.

Over at the Officers' Club a weary orchestra turned out tired music. There were officers' wives in strapless summer gowns. Two pilots just on the ground from a mission walked into the bar....had a drink. The far one said: "Let's have another." And the big tall one replied: "No; got to get home....The old lady is keeping supper hot."

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It wasn't so different from the last war.

On the ground this country seems only a few years ahead of the invention of the wheel. And the odor.....a stench that is old as the world. Aside from the American military transports, the ox cart seems a modern means of transportation. Humans are pack animals. And even the packs are made of coarse sticks tied together with handmade rope. The big bulldozers, tankers, and even the little jeeps and especially the aircraft, blasting great dust storms off the fields, appear to have been sent down here from another planet.

This broadcast was written on a small child's desk in a former school house, and it's being made by candlelight; while, about 40 miles away men who are finished with school are fighting

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Tuesday, August 1, 1950
7:45-8:00 P.M.

LESUEUR: ... Ed Murrow, you'll be glad to hear, has arrived in Korea safely. Broadcast facilities from Korea leave much to be desired. But we think you'll be interested in hearing Mr. Murrow's first report from the field. This is it.

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On the ground, this country seems only a few years ahead of the invention of the wheel. And the odor - a stench that is old as the world. Aside from the American military transports, the ox cart seems a modern means of transportation. Humans are pack animals, and even the packs are made of coarse sticks tied together with handmade rope. The big bulldozers, tankers, and even the little jeeps, and especially the aircraft, blasting great dust storms off the field, appear to have been sent down here from another planet.

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This broadcast was written on a small child's desk in a former school house, and it's being made by candlelight, while, about 40 miles away, men who are finished with school are fighting in a rough country that stands on edge; while outside the window, children too small for school, too young to know what it is all about, are squalling in the stinking evening heat. Their destiny, what they will learn at these little school desks, and a lot of other things too, are being decided in those hills a little way to the west and south of here. We shall hope to have some firsthand information on the tide of battle there tomorrow night.

This is Ed Murrow recording somewhere in Korea. Good night and good luck.

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BILL COSTELLO-TOKYO-8/2/50
(On Leseuer 7:45-8:00p.m.)

Newsroom

LESEUER: Ed Murrow is up at the front. The broadcast he tried to make from Korea over a telephone line was a little fuzzy, so he sent his story by cable to Tokyo. And for his recorded impressions, here's BILL COSTELLO.

COSTELLO: CBS Correspondent ED MURROW visited the front yesterday, saw the beginning of the withdrawal at Kumchon. In a message from Korea he described for me what he saw and heard as the pressure on American positions tightened and the defenders began to disengage.

It wasn't a ~~line~~ long drive to the front. When he got there two North Korean prisoners were being interrogated, kneeling in the dust. They were dressed in civilian clothes, had on GI socks and underwear; said the clothing had been issued along with two packages of American cigarettes. Theprisoners complained their troops were hungry, and short of ammunition. But they didn't look hungry. They complained of American air attacks; said in one raid their regiment had suffered fifty casualties.

The Colonel in command of the American force got on the phone, talked to his General at Division Headquarters. It was quiet and casual there as he received orders for the start of another fighting retreat. The Colonel said, "I wish I could take my little friends along." He explained to Ed Murrow his little friends were the South Koreans' 17th Regiment. The Colonel had high words of praise for them. He said, "I am ashamed. We ought to be able to do more. They're magnificent fighting men. When they are told to go in, they go; and when they are told to stand and fight, they stand right there, and you can count on them."

Murrow went forward, found the Commanding Officer of the 17th, Colonel Kim. He was 28 years old, weighed all of 100 pounds. He spoke little but did stress the need for more heavy weapons, for tank destroyers.

Behind the front, the engineers are already preparing for the withdrawal - blowing up bridges, getting ready to crater the road. The colonel explained, it was Colonel Kim and his men who had screened the withdrawal. He said, "it makes me ashamed; we've got to have more of our people out here."

Back at headquarters, Murrow flew over the front. It didn't take long. Southward along the Naktong River, as far south as Pusan, then back toward Taegu and the American front lines. Truck convoys were moving out of Kumchon - not whipped, not disorderly. Kumchon itself was on fire, and there were red flashes of gunfire in the city pointed eastward. A double railway trestle went up in a mushrooming cloud of smoke; whole villages in the countryside were burning, and down in the green valley there were streams of refugees heading eastward, huge packs on their heads.

But to the east, there were other convoys moving up from the coastline; truckloads of reinforcements ready to take their new positions, into which the fighting men were digging in. United Nations forces have picked a position now of their own choosing. As a sergeant said to Ed Murrow, "If we fail to hold this line, we will begin to run out of real estate in this part of the world."

That wasEd Murrow's report from somewhere in Korea. This is Bill Costello in Tokyo.

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LESUEUR: Ed Murrow is in Korea, and he's sent another cable to Tokyo. These are some of his impressions, as recorded by Bill Costello.

COSTELLO: American troops in Korea are back off the mountain line and are now reforming behind the Naktong River. The withdrawal was carried out with little loss and only slight disorder.

Early this morning when CBS correspondent Edward R. Murrow visited the central front opposite Taegu, the men were reforming on the east bank of the river. Truck drivers fell asleep the moment their vehicles stopped. They had been driving all night, hauling the men and equipment back.

They got Col. Kim and the men of his 17th South Korean Regiment back, but there was some trouble. He agreed to pull back if he was allowed to put in a three hour counter-attack covering our withdrawal. ..(fades out) .. his three hours. Then the trucks arrived to bring the men of the 17th Regiment back across the river. They didn't want to pull out. ..(fades out) .. an argument, through interpreters, and the argument lasted nearly an hour.

Finally, the 17th got in their trucks in good order, counted off by fours, and pulled out. It was that kind of a withdrawal.

As Murrow drove down to look at the new line this morning, there were Koreans - almost 100 of them - drilling with crude wooden guns, and they were less than 7 miles from the new front line - several miles along the east bank of the river. It was a lonesome road and there were Communist patrols 400 yds. away. Later that road came under enemy artiller fire and another supply line was closed. This isn't like the Kum River line, where we tried to hold ten miles of river bank with a battalion. This time we aren't crowded up to the river bank; we are in depth and there are reserves, held back to counter local thrusts. ... officers and men know this, finally, is where they stand; their backs are to the mountains, and just behind the mountains, is the sea.

...(faded out) ... report from somewhere in Korea. This is Bill Costello, in Tokyo.

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From Columbia Broadcasting System,
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SOUTH KOREANS ARE "MAGNIFICENT FIGHTING MEN,"
AMERICAN COLONEL TELLS NEWSMAN AT FRONT

By EDWARD R. MURROW

As Broadcast on CBS

This is Korea. The lines have been shortened, the perimeter tightened. On the center of the front, we are pulling back toward the Naktong River, a winding, shallow, yellow stream, which winds seven to fifteen miles in front of Taegu. We were under pressure, but this is a planned withdrawal and it appears that we disengaged without heavy loss. So we are coming back behind another river line. Yesterday, you didn't have to drive far to reach the front. Tomorrow, it will take even less time.

We drove up to the central part of the front early this morning. At headquarters, there were two North Korean prisoners of war, stout, dressed in civilian clothes, kneeling in the dust while being interrogated; motionless and expressionless, except when they brushed away a fly. One was wearing GI socks and undershirt. They had been issued to him at headquarters, along with two packages of American cigarettes. The prisoner said their troops were hungry and short of ammunition, but they didn't look hungry. They complained about our air power. One strike by fighters cost one regiment 50 casualties.

We went to talk to the colonel, found him on the telephone to his general, getting his orders to withdraw. It was all very quiet

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and almost casual. Said the colonel to the general, "Can I take my friends with me?"

"By God, I love them," he said. "Wish I had an army of them." He was talking of the South Korean 17th Regiment.

Meanwhile, he was issuing quiet orders to assemble vehicles, "Get all the trash out of here," by which he meant all the non-fighting personnel. The colonel commanding on his right came in and was told to keep the roads clear when the whistle blew, and to pray there was no rain, because the roads were slick and if it rained, the transports would end up down in the valley. As we were driving up we had seen engineers preparing to blow bridges and part of the road where it bent round the mountains.

But the American colonel kept coming back to the South Koreans. He asked if we would like to meet Colonel Pim, who commanded the regiment. We finally found him, far forward...A small man, weighs about as much as, oh, perhaps 100 pounds, about five feet two, small mustache and steady eyes; 28 years old, smoke-stained fingers. Colonel Pim told us his men needed heavy weapons, something, anything, to stop tanks. The enemy, he said, has more heavy weapons than we have. And I noticed that the light weapons of his men were very well cared-for indeed. He liked best of all the American 81 mm mortar. The American colonel explained that the Koreans placed him on the highest hill, and the gunner was his own observer; no complicated business of signal wires and observers. And he said they can drop those mortars right in our pencil pocket.

As we talked, we looked down on the green valley with the fast, clear stream a hundred yards wide flowing through it. Refugees

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were wading across it...steady feet...old women, small children, the blind and the crippled with huge packs carried on their heads. There was a little incoming artillery fire forward. And finally we said goodbye to Colonel Pim, and the American colonel was bending over a map, explaining to him that his regiment of Koreans was to screen the American withdrawal . And tonight, the South Koreans will be holding that path, while the American convoys are rolling east, back to the new line.

The American colonel said at one point, "I'm ashamed. We ought to be able to do more. These Koreans are magnificent fighting men. When they are told to go in, they go, and when they are told to stand and fight, they stay right there and you can count on them." The colonel wasn't very specific as to what he was ashamed of, but he didn't at all like the idea of leaving those Koreans to hold the enemy while he pulled out with his motorized units.

As we drove back, more engineers were planting more demolition charges. We came to a bridge, about 250 yards long. It was being prepared for demolition. A lieutenant of engineers with a soft voice that came from Georgia was supervising the operation. Seven thousand pounds of dynamite was being placed. A sergeant and a couple of GI's were making a kettle of dynamite around the middle pier. The whole middle of the line was pulling back. They hadn't been whipped or cut up, they just weren't thick enough on the ground, and they still aren't.

We came back to headquarters and in the cool of the evening flew low and slow in a C-45 over the whole southern half of the front. It doesn't take very long. We went down to Pusan, and then south and

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west along the main supply road...Convoys moving out to the front, leaving long trails of dust behind. Three white phosphorous shells burst in a path ahead of them, and then three more. The white was pure against the dark green.

We flew north over enemy territory. The roads were deserted. Finally there was smoke in the distance, gun-metal gray against the dark blue of the evening sky. The town of Kumchon, which we held this morning, is on fire. The road leading to it is corwded with transports, empty trucks moving up, crowded ones coming back. We flew in to look at the town, at about 600 feet.

There is a double railway trestle leading east out of the town, and it went up in a great mushroom of dirty brown smoke as the spans are blown. On the far side of the river, about 500 yards of red fire capped by black oil smoke rises up to the sky, and hangs a thin curtain in front of a blood-red sun that is dying in the west. We see muzzle flash from a gun in the center of the town, and it is pointed to east, in the direction in which our troops are withdrawing. The highway bridge is still intact, but we see vehicles at this end of it, apparently ours, waiting to blow the bridge. On roads leading up from the south on the far shore of the river, vehicles are burning.

As we fly back over the route of the retreat, more bridges are burning, and the traffic is flowing east. We are pulling back. As we came in to land, there were headlights in the distance, coming from the east, moving up reinforcements. There comes a time in most battles when victory or even survival hangs in delicate balance, to be decided by speed of maneuver, choise of position and determination not to lose. And we are coming back now to new positions in a fighting withdrawal, and apparently well conducted. If we fail to hold this line, we will, in the words of one sergeant, "begin to run out of real estate in this part of the world."

COSTELLO: ... has a way of being either so personal or so impersonal. In Korea, every man carries a gun. In Japan, he arms himself with a mimeograph machine. Over there, even in 8th Army headquarters, there's an ever-present atmosphere of danger and tension, ofhidden enemies and shots in the dark. Over here - there are maps and evaluations and communiques. From a foxhole it's easy to translate wave after wave of fanatical North Koreans in terms of deepest pessimism. While from the perspective of an air-cooled office in Tokyo, where there are no dirt or floors or stinking cordite fumes, it is easier still to take an academic, impersonal staff college interest in the climate and terrain and bomb damages, and the whole statistical unreality of armchair warfare. Over there on the other side of the Japan Sea, war gets pretty personal. It gets into your blood.

At an eastern airfield, even the pilots became infected. In a matter of days they adopted the Yongdok area as their own private, personal war. Their commander told me, "We get frequent requests for tactical bombing support over to the west. And if the weather is a little bad, and the situation not too critical, it's funny how often these pilots get lost and have to turn back and dump their rockets in the Yongdok area."

We saw the other side of the picture at today's briefing; an operations officer spoke admiringly of the withdrawal behind the Naktong River line. "It was like a war college set piece," he said, "with just the right counter-punches at just the right times and places. And a text-book kind of smoothness in the disengagement." But after saying that he added thoughtfully, "That's the way it looked to us; I don't know how it may have seemed to the men in the trucks in the darkness."

It's this ebb and flow of mood, these quick changes in the psychological climate as you travel from Japan to Korea that cause a troubled sense of uncertainty. From this distance you can count the divisions in the line - 5 American and 5 South Korean - and you think of the swift plunging aircraft sweeping the road, and you feel reassured. But even from the air

in Korea, the Naktong River seemed to stretch out interminably in the distance, and there was a sense of range after range of mountains where 100,000 men could be completely lost to sight. And you get to wondering again about how many soldiers it takes to make a beachhead - and whether, after all, there could not be a Dunkirk.

It doesn't seem much more dangerous up at the front than 50 mi. away when you're over there. At night, you sleep with your shoes within easy reach and you observe carefully before the blackout begins where the nearest friendly carbine is racked. Even noncombatants like correspondents, are caught up in the sweep of the passion. The map says the war is four hours from here in an air transport plane, but for the men who fly bomber missions by day, and go dancing at the club? in the evenings, the war might be a million miles away.

This is Bill Costello, in Tokyo. Now back to Larry Lesueur in New York.

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From Columbia Broadcasting System,
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MURROW CAPTURED BY U.S. MARINES, BUT IS RELEASED
AFTER OFFICER RECOGNIZES HIS BROADCAST VOICE

Because a Marine captain had listened to his broadcasts and remembered his voice, CBS correspondent Edward R. Murrow was saved from being kept prisoner by a U. S. Marine force last Saturday (Aug. 5) somewhere in Korea.

Murrow and two other U. S. newsmen, W. H. Lawrence of The N. Y. Times and NBC's William Dunn, on their way at night to forward Marine positions, were halted by nervous Marine sentries many miles behind the active front. Because they didn't know the password, the correspondents were ordered to leave their vehicles, to drop all weapons, to keep their hands in front of them where they could be observed, and to stand in line one yard apart.

After a brief conversation during which the correspondents kept declaring that although they hadn't had time to learn the password they had plenty of credentials, Murrow was permitted to proceed to the company command post for recognition purposes. On the way Murrow ran into a nervous 17-year-old who told him he was his prisoner and directed him to walk in a certain way keeping his hands at his side.

Once at the command post, however, Murrow convinced Capt. James Ordan of Orinda, Calif., that the correspondents were all right. Ordan remembered the sound of Murrow's voice.

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Tuesday, August 8, 1950
7:45-8:00 p.m.

LESUEUR: ..... And, now, from the fighting front here's the report Ed Murrow has recorded for us.

MURROW: This is Korea! I spent most of the first day with the 1st Cavalry. Going up, we stopped at a six-gun battery of 155s. They were firing about one round a minute at sixteen thousand yards. That's maximum. A pineapple plane was spotting for them and correcting fire. They didn't know what they were shooting at but they thought it was enemy artillery. The spotting pilot kept calling in their directions but didn't tell them the exact target. I asked the Captain of the battery when it had gone into action. He grinned and said he didn't know, but he remembered it was on a Sunday. We drove on up to the regimental CP, passed a burning village that had been set afire by our MPs as they pulled back. (inaudible) the north, a force of Communists had crossed a river. South Koreans had surrounded them on a hilltop and had asked for an air strike. A young hot-shot jet pilot, attached to the ground forces, picked up his phone and literally grabbed off four K-51s (?) outward-bound on another mission. He described the hill, gave the map reading, and explained that the South Koreans would wave white flags when the fighters came in. The Colonel (inaudible) explained this would have to be a fairly tricky operation, sort of hair-cutting on the hill. He hoped they wouldn't clabber (?) the South Koreans by mistake.

In less than four minutes we heard the guns of the fighters working as they sprayed the hilltop. The jet pilot on the ground picked up four F-80s on the telephone and put them on the same target. After they had finished, word came through on the telephone from a Lieutenant Lee, commanding the South Koreans, who were besieging the hill, and the message said: "The forces of the Republic of Korea wish to express their thanks to the Air Force for their timely intervention." The Colonel of the 1st Cavalry said: "You know, the Air Force is doing a pretty good job out here." I (inaudible) never saw air

and ground working in such close cooperation during the last war.

The enemy is across the Naktong at two places and in strength. We are still patrolling across the river, day and night, using mixed forces of South Koreans and Americans. We talked to a slow-talking Sergeant from Texas who was over there yesterday on a patrol, part of a mixed force of about a hundred men. He said: "These patrols are supposed to be for information and prisoners, but they generally end up in a fire fight." That happened yesterday. The patrol lost one American and two South Koreans. Another Sergeant carried the wounded GI for nearly eight hundred yards under fire. The boy had come back from the hospital only yesterday morning. He was twenty years of age. He'd been recovering in the hospital from a minor wound and had volunteered for the patrol. They brought him back to this side of the river and there he died. We asked the Sergeant to describe him to us and his reply was: "He was a right good soldier," and he reckoned that the Sergeant who carried him out ought to get a medal. Anyone who doubts the courage and tenacity of the South Koreans, more than pushed back into this (inaudible) corner of their country, should talk with the Americans who have fought alongside with them. They will tell you that they are very good fighting men.

Correspondents out here are not supposed to criticise command decisions, but there are responsible officers out here who doubt that we can afford the luxury, (if attacked-? (inaudible) in the south, when we are so thin on the ground on the northern and central sectors of the front. In spite of our offensive at the bottom of the peninsula, we are still engaged in a desperate defensive action. If we lose the airfields in the north and the center, much of our power, offensive and defensive, will go with them.

This is Ed Murrow recording from somewhere in Korea.

Goodnight and ... good luck! (SIGNAL BAD THROUGHOUT)

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Ed.trans.-A.A.Cardiff

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August 9, 1950

CBS FEATURE

THANKS TO THE AIR FORCE FOR
THEIR KINDLY INTERVENTION
By EDWARD R. MURROW
As Broadcast on CBS

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I, at least never saw air and ground work in such smooth cooperation during the last war.

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MURROW FROM KOREA -- AUGUST 10, 1950

As broadcast by Bill Downs

This is Korea. I spent most of the day with the mosquitoes. That's the name for the P-6's, the old unarmed training planes....one propellor, pilot and observer. The Mosquito is given a general area in which to work by ground command. He then controls the fighters and fighter bombers and guides them to their target. I was acting observer for Lt. Billy J. Turner from Dallas, Texas. We were"Mosquito wild west."

A flight of F-80's called "Mosquito Wild West" for target. Lt. Turner told them where we were and we had plenty of targets. The flight leader said: "I'm at 20,000 feet and it will take me a couple of minutes to get there. They turned up. We dove in at 100 feet to show them the tanks. The flight leader followed us down. He said: "O.K., I see them", and his F-80 started in with rockets. They got one hit. Then the flight leader said to "Mosquito Wild West"; "Which way are those XXX tanks heading? We want to hit them now with 50 calibers, and they are more tender in the rear." We told him and the Jets came in with all guns working. We sat and watched the 50 calibers bouncing off the tanks. After the jets we picked up a squadron of F-51's...pulled them in from miles away. They followed us down to look at the tanks, and

then went up for their run, using Napong fire bombs. The first one was long by a hundred yards, and we called it. The second fighter came in and when he let go he said: "What did you think of that one, "Mosquito Wild West"?" It couldn't have been better. The tank was blazing. We left the fighters working and went along the river... saw a tank that had crashed through a bridge that wouldn't support it... another one burned out by an earlier strike. We swung up over a ridge that was held by the North Koreans yesterday. They had dug their fox-holes on top of the ridge....and the whole top of it---trees, grass, everything had been burned off by the Napong bombs....the bombs that hit the ground and splash red flame across the green countryside. There were a few dead men hanging on the edge of the foxholes.

I decided this spotting from the air was not so simple. Our Mosquito was well named, "Wild West". It was like scouting. We found tanks by looking for tracks where they had crossed. We flew up narrow little valleys looking in ditches and under bridges. Nothing moved. The whole country seemed dead.

Another Mosquito plane came up along side of us and said: "I've got some 51's with big rockets. What about letting them work on those tanks?"

There was some discussion. Turner didn't want to call his boys off, but he finally agreed. The first big rocket from the new squadron missed.... and rude things were said in the air.

We took one last look at an orchard where ground intelligence had reported three hundred troops. There were foxholes, but no troops.... If he had flown any lower I could have lifted the branches and counted the foxholes.

For three hours up there it was "Play boy Six" to "Utah Able", and "Pickle Bell"to "Play Boy George".....and a fine example of air - ground cooperation.

This is Ed Murrow recording from somewhere in Korea. Good night and good luck.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

EDWARD R. MURROW

Mr. E. R. Murrow
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Friday, August 11, 1950
7:45-8:00 p.m.

LESUEUR: ..... Now, after a few seconds pause let's listen to some of the impressions he's recorded.

MURROW: This is Tokyo! Yesterday afternoon at about four-thirty I left the American airstrip at Pohang, on the east coast of Korea. It was cut off. Mortars were falling about seven hundred yards from the runway. The rescue column that had tried to drive through the night before had been ambushed. The enemy let the leading elements pass and then struck with mortars and automatic weapons at the center of the column, but when I left it seemed that most of them, including the armor, would get through. The Commanding General, working from a Command Post in an old Japanese barracks, was eloquent in praise of the colored troops who had held together and maintained discipline even when hit by crossfire in the dark of night less than ten miles from Pohang. A platoon of them came in during the afternoon. Their helmets and their clothing were pearl grey from the mud of the rice paddies, but every man carried his weapon. They had fought, crawled, and scrambled nine miles cross country, but they were there. A wounded boy was lying in the shade of a plane; part of his foot shot away. He said: "The trouble with me is I got shot before I got into combat." He was just sitting in a truck, driving along when the enemy struck.

Today, guerrillas have been firing at aircraft as they came in low and slow over the hill at the far end of the strip. The F-51s worked the hillside over with 50-calibres and put a stop to that. There is high ground on two sides of the field and the enemy controls that area. Refugees were walking along the sand about five hundred yards from the field. The General said: "I probably ought to place machineguns and shoot the lot. (inaudible) make war that way. I'll just take my chances on what might brings." (inaudible) the town of Pohang was in flames. (inaudible) and airmen scanned the hills with

binoculars reporting movements of white-clad figures. A report came in that our tanks were moving and had picked up a hundred men of the cut-off company. A halftrack was sent out the field down the road towards Pohang. I asked the nurse if she had a sure-fire remedy for a cold. We had fresh chicken for lunch. The General and the Colonel commanding the air base talked about dispositions for perimeter defense during the night. The men sat in the sun, cleaning their weapons. (inaudible) man, Army and Air Force, had a weapon in his hand last night. The General wanted to know when the Air Force would pull out. The reply was "when forced to." His mission was "to protect the airfield ... period." The Colonel pointed out that there was a big bomb dump on the field and that both their missions would be furnished and completely. A Sergeant said: "Why, this place is just filled with cowards!" and everybody laughed. They were cut off and would dig in on a very narrow circle around that airfield for the night. No one was happy about the situation, but preparations were being made in a cool, calm fashion. There would be some South Koreans as a screen outside our perimeter defense a lot of firepower inside it and more was being flown in. On one side of the field the blue water turned white as it struck the yellow sand. We were preparing to fight from positions that were originally designed and built by the Japanese.

It is now early morning out here and we don't yet have complete details on how the night went (inaudible) rest of the relief column got through to the field, but latest reports indicate the perimeter defense was not hit hard last night. The column was sent so late that at night the matter can be examined later and they will bear scrutiny. When we flew out we brought Captain Gerald Putnam, of Antwerp, Ohio, with us. (inaudible) the past year-and-a-half with the South Korean regiment; was going home on special orders because his son is desperately ill. (inaudible) someone will tell Mrs. Putnam that he is on his way and tell anyone you see our ancesters never prepared to defend a stockade with more calm courage and resourcefulness than did the men who fought for that airstrip last night. This is Ed Murrow recording in Tokyo. Good night ... and good luck.

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Ed.trans.-A.A.Cardiff

E.R. Murrow

Recorded August 19th 1950
but not broadcast.

This is Tokyo. This is a most difficult broadcast to do. I have never believed that correspondents who move in and out of the battle area, engage in privileged conversations with commanders and with troops, and who have access to public platform should engage in criticism of command decisions or of commanders while the battle is in progress. However, it is now time to cast up an account of the past ten days. For the question now arises whether serious mistakes have been made.

The marine brigade arrived...we had the fifth regimental combat team, and the reinforced 35th regiment. They were committed to that push along the southern end of the peninsula, to secure the high ground east of Chinju.

Experienced officers, some of them wearing stars, called it folly. They weren't going anywhere. This was not a decision that was forced upon us by the enemy. Our high command took it, because, in the words of one officer who was in a position to know..."We decided we needed a victory."

Meanwhile, the battered and weary 24th Division was trying to hold better than 30 miles of the Naktong River line. And the first cavalry, also under strength, was holding about the same distance. North of them came the first South Korean division, and then the line was very thin from there to the east coast.

For the first time we had power--could hold it in reserve, strengthen the river line, or plug the gaps in the north along the east coast.

The southern offensive was undertaken. On Thursday morning of last week, the General commanding the right end of the line up on the east coast was asked if he needed help or reinforcements. He replied that the situation was well in hand. He didn't need any help. For days, there had been reports that the North Koreans were coming down on secondary roads behind the hills,

safe from naval gunfire. About 12 hours after the General said all was well, we started a powerful relief column up to try to save the airfield at Pohang — the last operational airstrip we had left. It was being threatened. The column, moving at night, was ambushed.... arrived too late to hold the high ground. And within less than 24 hours, the field was evacuated. From that field, between one thrid and one fourth of our close support missions had been flown. We aren't flying anything from there now. One Air Force Colonel remarked "The enemy, even without air power, seems to place a higher value on this field than we do." That was one price we paid for the southern offensive.

Today, a spokesman at general headquarters denied that we had underestimated the enemy strength in the north.

Latest reports indicate that the enemy has at least one division across the Naktong River, about 30 miles south of Waegwan. Five more enemy divisions plus one in reserve have been identified on that contral front. The pressure is building against the Waegwan - Taegu axis.

Our force to meet this threat is, or at least it was, down on that southern offensive. When our fresh forces arrived about ten days ago, we lay like a hand on the southeast part of Korea. The wrist and the arteries were at the port of Pusan — the fingers spread out from Yongdok on the east coast, to Masan on the southern end of the peninsula. The end of each finger was being stepped on by the enemy. Our high command here chose to extend the thumb along the south coast — using our major strength to do it.....one flank on the sea.....the others opened to harrassing attacks by the enemy. And he struck at our little finger, and took Pohang and that vital airfield, and began to mass against our middle finger on the Naktong River line. This means that the thumb will have to be pulled back — the little finger having been amputated. And the other fingers probably will have to be doubled back into one fist.

You will find battle-wise men out in Korea — some with starts — and others with Sergeant's stripes — who have fought Germans, Japanese, Italians and North Koreans, who maintain that we gained nothing by this southern offensive.....and meanwhile have lost that vital airstrip, and

endangered the center of the line. They maintain that the fist must be bunched a shorter perimeter that can be wired and mined - and held - from which refugees can be excluded, where fields of fire can be laid down for heavy machine guns, where the ground in front can be surveyed and plotted for artillery fire, and behind which we can build up for a real offensive later on.

While that is going on, we can kill North Koreans as fast as they decide to come on to that perimeter. I met no officer in South Korea who believes we can mount an effective offensive with our present strength. The most reasoned and experienced opinion is that it will require eight divisions at full strength, and after that about six months of hard fighting to see this thing done, (Assuming that the Chinese Communist troops and Russian air do not join the battle.) And yet, correspondents here have received cables from their home offices indicating that air-conditioned sources in Washington think the thing can be wound up this fall. To paraphrase the GI's in Korea — that ain't the way it looks from here.

So far as this reporter is concerned, he doesn't see where or when this conflict will end. For this is not an isolated war, except in the purely geographic sense. It is isolated only for the men who are fighting it.

The other day I asked a Captain what day it was, and he looked at his watch, instinctively, and then he laughed and said: "I haven't the least idea. Only minutes and hours count out here."

I am aware that some of the things I have said may have violated directives from general headquarters — particularly in quoting officers who believe that we paid too high a price for that southern offensive. I have not identified them because no reporter knowingly embarrasses Generals or Sergeants with their superiors. It is my personal opinion, for what it is worth, that we shall stay on that peninsula. The stuff is there and the troops have the heart. But when we start moving up, through dead valleys, through villages to which we have put the torch by retreating, what then of the people who live there? They have lived on

the knife-edge of despair and disaster for centuries. Their pitiful possessions have been consumed in the flames of war. Will our re-occupation of that flea-bitten land lessen, or increase, the attraction of Communism? The other day in Korea I heard a Psychological Warfare officer tell how the Communists have made headway with their propaganda in Southern Korea. He said: "One thing we must do is to write out our war aims. Tell them what they can look forward to when we have won the war. And then drop that statement in leaflet form on top of them." And a correspondent who shall be nameless, said: "That will take quite a bit of writing; and when the pamphlet is done, maybe we should drop some on the American people too."

This is Ed Murrow recording in Tokyo. Good night and good luck.

Thursday, July 13 - Chester ordered "kill" on Downs cable dealing with Mac Arthur's censorship

Friday, July 14 - Chester ordered "kill" on Costello cable dealing with correspondent's request for official briefings

Monday, August 14 - Chester ordered "kill" on Murrow piece dealing with the Southern offensive

Monday, August 14 - Chester ordered "kill" on previous Friday(August 11th) Costello cable dealing with intelligence reports

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This is background to Murrow "kill order":

Church got copy of transcript filed on teletype in news room...took it to Chester...Chester said he taking it to Ream because of "legal aspects"...said Ream took it to "20th Floor Conference which included Paley and Stanton"...came back and said it's killed...these were points he mentioned: (1) questions reliability of officers quoted (2) they may not know what's really happening (3) piece gives comfort to enemy (4) could be used as "propaganda by Moscow radio" (5) "unfair criticism of those quoted as being in air-conditioned offices (6) unwarranted criticism of Americans by suggesting we drop some leaflets on them (7) Murrow is probably tired, probably wouldn't have written same piece if back home to reflect...These were my arguments:(1) it's not reliability of officers to judge, but reliability of man doing interviewing to decide who knows who is talking sense (2) piece can't help enemy as he already knows what's going on (3) as for legal aspects, who will sue - the North Koreans (4) on leaftlets argument, same thing said same day in Congress to effect "people should wake up to gravity situation." Even Republican Bridges went further, said people will be "appalled when they know truth."...Chester said reconsider, if we cut portions piece...I said no...He then went upstairs, came down said kill order stands...said not to get in touch with you or anyone else in Tokyo despite fact had 8 minutes hole in show with hour and half before air ...suggested then substitute Costello intelligence cable...Chester read firs line, said no, its killed...next day he said Paley told him to tell you... he said he thought Paley ought to do it...I said I would...they agreed.

MARTIN: By now everyone admits the North Korean fighting man is good. But no one should infer from this that he's a super man. Take the gun from the North Korean soldier and he's not as big and fierce as he was climbing down from the bush-covered hills. His uniform is sloppy. He is short, quite often scrawny. He couldn't pass muster on any parade ground. But he's a top rate fighter. The GIs respect him and he's no longer considered a bandit. The North Korean is big because he's tough. He can walk miles through the hills, his back bending under 50-lbs. of equipment or ammunition. He has a handful of rice in his pocket or steals it from a countryside.

Behind our lines, the North Koreans fight in groups of 20-to-25 men. An infantry group has 5 men with tommy guns. The rest of the men, some of them conscripted South Koreans, carry ammunition and supplies. If a tommy gunner is wounded, another man picks up his weapon and starts firing. Larger units, rarely over 30 or 40 men, have mortars or machine guns. Two men carry a mortar, the rest lug ammunition across the hills. I saw one of these units with a machine gun and a single mortar hold up an entire American battalion 5 hrs. We fired more than a hundred artillery shells at the position. Infantry finally climbed the hill to clean up the nest. When they reached the top, the North Korean units had fled. Many of the North Koreans are fanatics. A few surrender, others prefer to die. I questioned two, who had been wounded and then captured. Neither would talk. One spat at my feet. The interpreter laughed, said the communist had called me an American imperialist. A few talk. Apparently they are not party members. They have given valuable information. We want more to talk. Surrender leaflets and safe conduct passes are dropped from the air. The South Koreans had been ordered to quit killing every enemy soldier they see. The orders are 'get prisoners.'

The American Army has better weapons and more fire power. But the GIs were soft from the fat? occupation life in Japan. They're

getting harder now. The communist soldier still has more endurance. He is trickier. His officers are young and resourceful.

The North Korean army still outnumbers the United Nations forces. It can make the decision where and when to attack. That's why the war in Korea is tougher than any American, a month ago, dreamed it would ever be.

This is Robert P. Martin in Tokyo.

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LESUEUR: Bill Costello, in Tokyo, has recorded some interesting observations along these same lines. And after the few seconds required for switching, let's listen to what he has to say.

COSTELLO: American air power has become an obsession to the government as well as the people of North Korea. At least, that's what one judges from a careful reading of their recent broadcasts. Air propaganda reflects a mixture of fear, rage, frustration and terror. American military experts are still debating the long range effective strategic bombing. Wondering whether in so backward a country the destruction of military and industrial targets in the rear areas will be effective. The manner in which the North Koreans are reacting seems to indicate they have no doubts on that score.

Earlier this week the daily communique ofthe Pyongyang regime said: 'American aeroplanes and naval vessels intensify their wanton bombing and shelling to cover up reverses suffered by their ground forces.' Similar references - both official and unofficial - recur almost daily. A steady stream of atrocity stories are being published in Red party organs in China and North Korea. Typical of these is an eye-witness description ofan American air raid, written by a Chinese special correspondent, who tells graphically of the destruction he saw on a trip south from Seoul.

He said: 'As you go south whole towns and villages have been pounded into the earth. Countless lives have been destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of people bereft of all possessions. And an enormous fund of human sorrow created.' He tells of Kumtok on the road to Taejon. Says the whole center of the town is flat. Everything has vanished into a bumpy surface of gray ash and rubble.

The moral the Chinese and Koreans draw was expressed most picturesquely in an editorial publishedthis week in the Shanghai Dagon Pauf - once the greatest newspaper of China. The editor said bitterly: 'The

-flesh of Hitler and Goering has rotted, but their souls have achieved reincarnation. American imperialism has acquired all the bestial arts of fascist butchery.' That's a pretty savage twist for propaganda to take.

It makes no mention of the primary American targets, - the war installations which are feeding the communist military machine. It makes no mention of the Red army practice of hiding their tanks and trucks inside peasant houses during the day, moving only by night. It makes no mention of the communist practice of assembling crowds of women and children near military targets, using them as screens to prevent bombing attacks on their vehicles and ammunition. With sinister skill - the communists are building up a colossal atrocity charge against the United States. And so far - the majors and the colonels who write our communiques don't even seem aware there is a charge to answer.

This is Bill Costello in Tokyo - now back to Larry Lesueur in New York.

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ED MURROW, BACK FROM KOREA FOR A REST,

TALKS OVER THE WAR WITH LARRY LeSUEUR

After a month at the Korean front, reporter Edward R. Murrow has returned. Murrow, who made many memorable broadcasts from the war zone, had some interesting observations for his colleague Larry LeSueur, who has been subbing for him on the Mon.-thru-Fri., 7:45-8:00 PM, EDT time period on CBS:

By Larry LeSueur

Ed Murrow stepped off the plane last midnight after 44 hours in the air from Tokyo, stared at the New York skyline and said, "It's good to be back." He's off for a well-earned rest.

But today I got a chance to talk to him. We thought we'd try to give some of the answers to questions that any parent with a son in Korea might like answered. This is what Ed told me:

The troops in Korea never thought the going would be so rough. Aside from their immediate problem of staying alive, their biggest concern is whether the people at home really understand and appreciate what they are up against. The one thing our boys miss most, is naturally their families and friends. Beyond this they long for a bath and a cool drink. It's hot and humid in Korea, all the time, day and night. It would be difficult to sleep, if the men didn't throw themselves on the ground and sleep like soldiers, from near exhaustion.

Except for the front-line squads in their fox-holes, many of the men have pup-tents, others bunk-down in the Korean school houses - there seems to be one in every town. Once in a great while, the engi-

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neers rig up shower facilities in the field but generally the only time the boys bathe is when they reach a stream.

During such infrequent occasions when the battle slackens, there is little for the men to do except talk or play cards. There are no leave-towns in Korea, no cafes or dance-halls to idle away an hour or two and relax. Something may be done to straighten out this situation later, but right now there's no time for even thinking about relaxation.

Most of the troops in Korea are very young, around 19 years of age. They talk and think about the things that 19-year-olds do - but after about three days under fire, they are veterans.

The one thing the boys don't like is climbing mountains and there are plenty of them in Korea. Because of the weather and terrain, this is definitely a young man's war. There are no pin-up pictures anywhere, probably for the want of permanent housing, very little to read and very few facilities for getting news from this country.

The boys are eating well. The food is surprisingly good. Mail from home is being received on schedule. It's a good morale booster. There seems to be no shortage of supplies on the beachhead and morale is high. The men have a healthy respect for the enemy but they have that feeling that they're Americans and they won't be licked.

As for the South Korean population, they do put up a few signs saying "welcome Americans" or "welcome to our liberators" in the few towns through which our men pass. But generally the civilians seem to be impersonal - show no particular inclination to go out of their way to be hospitable.

There's not much to be picked up in the way of booty. About the only worthwhile souveniers are those long Korean pipes with the

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small bowls. Many of the boys already have one stuffed in their packs.

Most of our casualties, and Ed Murrow didn't think the rate was high, seem to come from mortar fire, which the Koreans use effectively. There's been much heat prostration but the medical attention our men are getting is extremely good.

One of the best aspects of this war, is that you don't have to keep your eyes on the sky. If there are any motors grinding in the air, it's "one of ours." There are almost no enemy planes.

Above all else, being Americans, our men have an urge to keep on the move. They don't like to fall back. They're impatient, they want to get this war over quick and go home. Murrow's own feeling is, that we are going to hold on - that we won't be thrown off. But we may still have to shorten our lines even though the troops don't like to do that. But the going is rough. We've had losses. We'll no doubt, have more. But if we can increase our strength on the ground, the tide of battle should eventually turn in our favor.

It is quite clear from Ed Murrow's conversation that Korea is no Riviera. Jimmy Cannon of the New York Post told Ed that he had a solution when the mess is over. Cannon "thinks that the loser ought to be made to occupy the place."

Every war, even a localized one, has its heartbreaks and uncounted tragedies. On his flight home last night, Ed Murrow was telling me about a young woman who was sitting next to him. All the while, all during the long flight home, she did nothing but stare out the window and twist a simple gold wedding ring on her finger. She was one of the new war widows. For her the war was over.

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